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Neighbors enraged

Paint plant passes

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While the Board of Selectmen considered the chemistry involved in paint manufacturing harmless enough to issue a permit for it Monday night, residents who disagree say they got burned.

Before a crowd of irate residents, who frequently interrupted the proceedings and spoke so loudly that some selectmen could not hear one another, board members approved a license for California Products Corp. to store flammable products at its proposed manufacturing plant off Dascomb Road. The permit includes several conditions added by the board, including a provision that gives the Andover Board of Health authority to stop operations if they feel the plant is not in compliance with health regulations and poses a threat to public health.

But more than 150 Andover and Tewksbury residents had come to demand that the board deny the permit, which will allow the company to construct a new building for manufacturing, offices and distribution at 146 Dascomb Road, on the border of Andover and Tewksbury.

Selectmen voted 4-1 to approve the permit. The dissenting vote from Selectmen Larry Larsen brought applause and cheers from residents, who clamored for a chance to speak about their concerns with the paint plant.

While residents had already had two chances to speak on the issue, at a public hearing convened six weeks ago and then reopened two weeks later, residents were incensed that Chairman John Hess would not reopen the hearing yet again.

Selectmen had first reviewed the permit application June 7 before a room full

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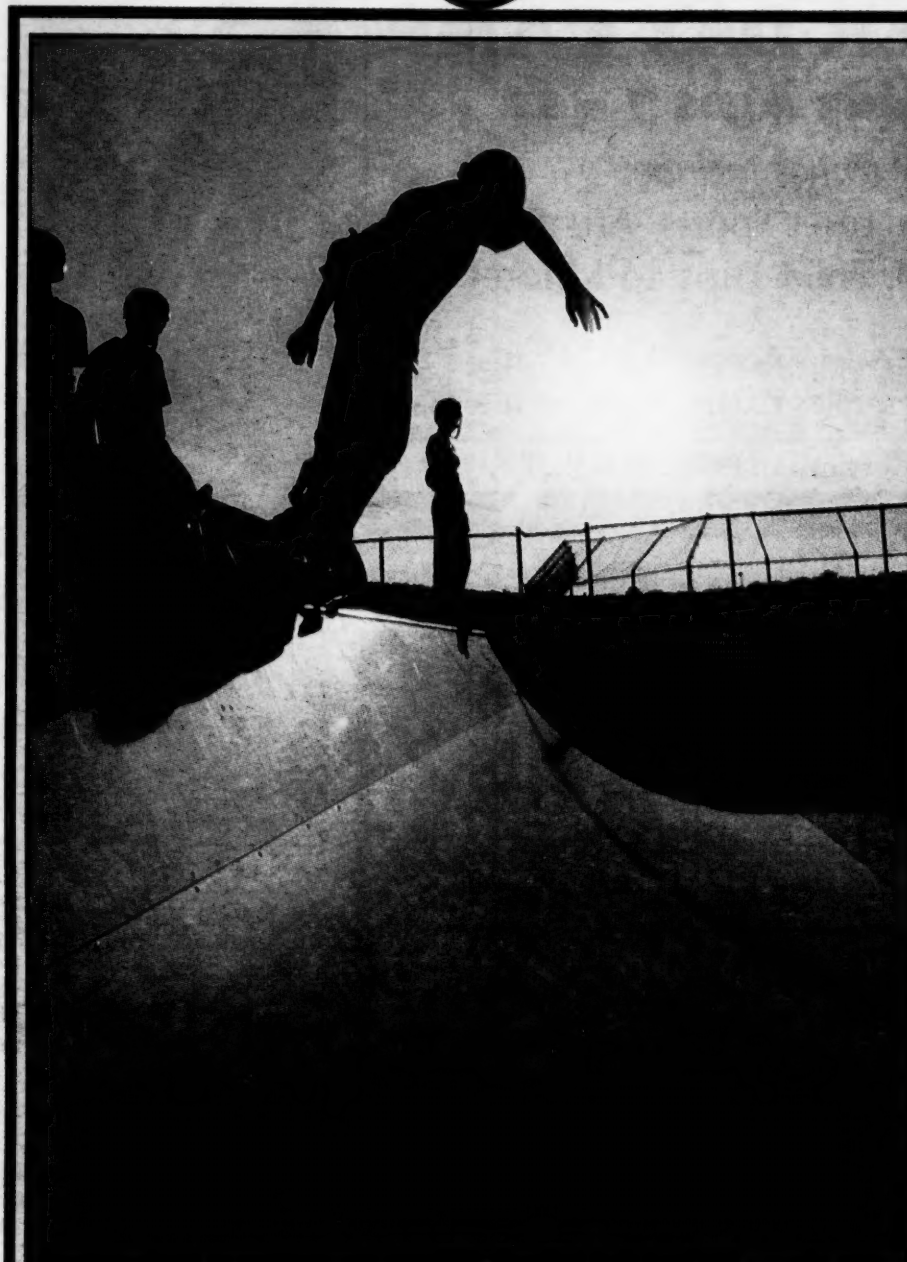


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Roller boy — Dave Schwarz, making a turn on the half pipe, was one of dozens of youths making use of the town skate park behind West Middle School last week. Even through the heat wave, the kids kept rolling.

Town recalls JFK Jr.

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover residents joined the nation in mourning the death of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law in a plane crash last weekend.

They joined millions of others in watching the intensive search that finally, yesterday morning (Wednesday) yielded the wreckage of the plane and Kennedy's body.

And for some locals, the grief was more personal, since they had known the late president's son as a student at Phillips Academy from 1976-1979.

Those who knew him here say JFK Jr. was a regular kid, not known for exercising privilege, but for being himself.

"He was a delightful human being," says Carroll Bailey, an English teacher who recently retired from Phillips Academy, where he served 10 years as a dean.

"Everybody liked him. I didn't know anyone who didn't respect John Kennedy," Bailey says.

Bailey never taught Kennedy in his three years at Phillips, but knew him.

"He never took any privileges," Bailey says, and recalls that JFK Jr. was friends with the son of another teacher who once said "(Kennedy) went through school with one of my sons, and I never would have been able to identify him for you," Bailey says.

Meredith Price, house counselor at PA in the dorm where John Kennedy first came to live in Room 29 of the Stearns West dormitory building when he entered Phillips as a 10th-grader, described him as "really full of life."

Price still teaches English at the academy, but no longer supervises dormitories, he says.

As a house counselor, Price witnessed a side of Jacqueline Kennedy contrary to her image at the time, he says.

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Police warn of scams

By Neil Fater

A veteran was in John Doherty's office Tuesday waving a notice from a New Jersey newspaper declaring Congress has approved a special dividend on G.I. Life Insurance.

All veterans have to do is send "a modest administrative fee" to a post office box, and an agency will recover

this money for them, the notice says.

There's just one problem, says Doherty, Andover's veterans agent.

"It's totally, completely fraudulent," he says. "If you just do the math, you're talking about the country spending \$10 trillion to do it."

"This scam comes up almost every

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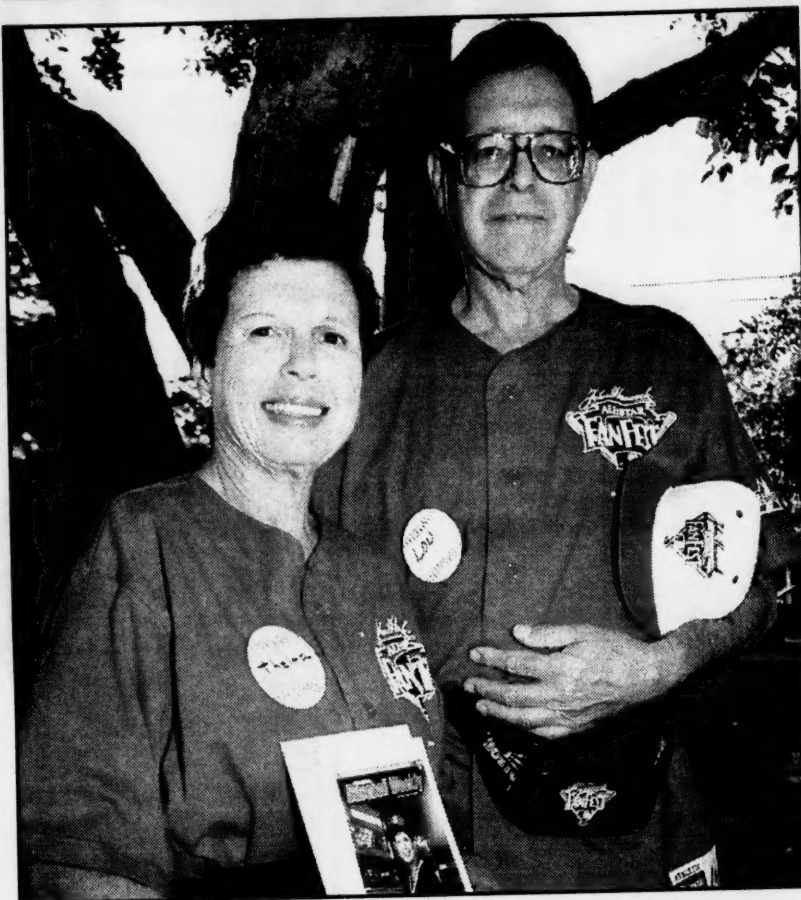


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

A magical time — Thelma and Louis Halberstadt show off the uniforms they wore last week as All-Star Fanfest volunteers.

For Thelma and Louis, baseball heaven on earth

Heaven came to Boston last week in the form of baseball, according to Dr. Thelma Halberstadt of Andover.

Halberstadt and her husband Louis, both avid Red Sox fans and season ticket holders, volunteered for the Red Sox and Major League Baseball to work at the Fanfest activities at the Hynes Convention Center and the Sheraton Hotel in Boston during All-Star week.

"It was absolute baseball heaven on Earth," says Thelma, a nursing professor at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. "I am a huge baseball fan, but I have never been so in awe and never loved the game more. I was submerged in baseball for one solid week, which to me is heaven on Earth."

Thelma and Louis took on several duties as volunteers during the week of festivities, which began July 9 and lasted until July 12.

On their first day, along with their granddaughter Chailee, 16, the Halberstadt's packed duffel bags with souvenir sweatshirts, T-shirts and hats that were distributed to the All-Stars themselves.

It was on to bigger things for their second day, as the two were assigned to the MLB movie theater at the Hynes Convention Center, which continuously played a 12-minute highlight movie of the 1998 and 1999 seasons. The movie focused on the "Great Home-Run Chase" between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, according to Thelma.

"I saw Mark McGwire hit his 62d home run over 25 times," she says. "But every time, it was exciting to see him lifting his son over his head and hugging Sammy Sosa. It was unbelievable."

Thelma and Louis spent the rest of the week helping to make personalized baseball cards for kids who created their own statistics and posed in their favorite teams' uniform.

In good fun (and what some consider proper Bostonian behavior), anyone who asked to pose in a Yankee's uniform was announced on the PA system and politely booed by the fans in line, according to Thelma.

"It felt like a working vacation," she says. "We didn't live at

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Detectives tracking house breaks

Nineteen is enough

Including a Sunday house break in Shawsheen Heights, there has been a break in Andover nearly every other day since mid-June.

Detective William Wallace says that since June 11, people have entered 15 homes and four businesses in the West Andover and Shawsheen areas.

"In West Andover, they seem to be kicking in the rear door," he says. "The majority of them are during the daytime."

Wallace says many of the breaks have occurred to large West Andover homes without burglar alarms.

While police have increased checks of

the West Andover and Shawsheen areas to halt the trend, detectives say residents must play a part as well, by keeping an eye out and informing police of suspicious activity.

"I know in my neighborhood, we let people know when we're going on vacation," says Wallace. "And people have to be more aware of their surroundings."

Entry to one house was gained through an unlocked bulkhead, and other breaks occurred in homes where a thief could break a window, reach in and unlock a door.

Police also say some victims have waited a few days before informing police of the crime, and others have cleaned up the scene before police arrived. Presumably, this made collecting clues difficult.

"We try to impress upon people that if their house is broken into to call police

immediately and not touch anything," says Wallace.

— Neil Fater

Watershed Council to meet Aug. 5

The Merrimack River Watershed Council will hold a meeting to discuss the proposed plan to widen Route 3. According to Curt Laffin of the MRWC, the expansion of Route 3 would eliminate 25 acres of wetlands.

The meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 5, at 7 p.m. at the Tewksbury Public Library will include MRWC members, Shawsheen River Watershed Council members, Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers Coalition members, and members of the Department of Environmental Protection. The library is located at the corner of Chandler Street and Main Street (Route 38) in Tewksbury.

Your answer was ...

Cyber-reader response to the *Townsmen's* second weekly online question nearly doubled, from 26 the first week to 47 this past week.

In response to the question, "Would you support a small movie theater in Andover," 41 readers said they would "frequently" patronize such a theater. Six said they would not.

This week's question is:

In the wake of intense opposition to a paint manufacturing plant in Andover, should the town revise its zoning to limit, or eliminate, further industry?

To vote, point your Web browser to www.andovertownsmen.com

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, July 22

Andover Recycling Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 26

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Planning

Commission, discussion of the Transportation Improvement Program, 160 Main St., Haverhill, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28

Townwide Strategic Planning Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m. *

Thursday, July 29

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Board of Assessor's conference room, second floor, Town Offices, 2 p.m.

Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 4

Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Program, second floor, Old Town Hall, 1:15 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

"There was not a dry eye in the house when Ted Williams came out on the field. Everyone was just awestruck. Plus, there were all the other players on the field."

Andover Commission on Disabilities Chairman Mike Warshawsky, on the pre-game events at the All-Star game, which included appearances by those named to an All-Century team.

"You are not my voice."

Bonnie Unger, an opponent of a proposed paint manufacturing plant on Dascomb Road, to the Board of Selectmen after a vote to grant the company a permit to store flammables.

"I would rather see something happen than nothing happen."

Selectman Lori Becker, on new limits to parking on Main Street.

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home during that week. We changed and slept here (home), but we lived at Fanfest."

The Halberstadts did, however, find a way to mix work and play.

Thelma and Louis managed to check out the displays on how to make baseball bats and balls, the Cooperstown display that included the World Series trophy, and the world's largest baseball.

One of the most exciting times for Dr. Halberstadt was getting to see some of the older players, such as Bob Feller, Jim Rice and Ted Williams, as they visited the "Legends" section of Fanfest.

"I was in such awe of the 'Legends' section that I didn't realize who half of the older players were," she says. "I never realized people like Bob Feller were still alive. It was unbelievable. Even some of today's All-Stars were acting like rookies when they saw the older players, especially Ted Williams."

Despite questions as to whether Boston and the elderly Fenway Park would be able to handle All-Star week activities, Thelma says that the week was one of Boston's finest hours.

"I have never seen Boston and the Hynes so nice to everyone," she says. "Everyone there, the workers and the police, were going out of their way to help people, espe-

cially those from out of town. If anyone left Boston unhappy with Fanfest, it was their own fault. It made me proud to be a Red Sox fan."

To close out their magical week, Thelma and Louis attended the All-Star game, acquiring tickets thanks to their status as season ticket holders.

Thelma admits that although Fenway Park handled the event beautifully, she is ready to move into the new ballpark that has been proposed for across Yawkey Way.

"My husband is 6-foot-1," she says. "He doesn't need any more leg cramps. We are both looking forward to bigger aisles."

The Halberstadt's loved their experience so much that they have already signed up to volunteer for next year's Fanfest in Atlanta, Ga.

— Joe Vieira

Did somebody say, new paint?

Good times, great taste and a fresh coat of paint is apparently the new theme at the McDonald's on North Main Street in Andover.

If you have driven by the fast food restaurant recently you may have noticed that the eatery has replaced its traditional brown exterior with bright and lively red, gold and white

stripes.

"It's nicer and part of the owner's project to make this restaurant better for the community," says store manager John Minasian.

The store's owner, who is in possession of a number of area McDonald's restaurants, is revamping some of them to make them a nicer and more welcoming atmosphere for patrons, according to Minasian.

So far the changes seem to be a hit with visitors.

"I like it," said patron Chris Elderedge. "It's a lot brighter than the old bronze building, it's a lot nicer."

— Joe Vieira

They'd love to have your old computers

The Andover Housing Authority is accepting donations of used, working computer equipment for elderly, disabled and families living in housing authority apartments. The organization, with the help of their Family Self-Sufficiency Program, has accepted more than eight private

donations so far, to the delight of many residents, says AHA Director Christine Metzemaekers.

The computers don't need to be Y2K compliant, Metzemaekers says, since most residents would be using the computers for word processing. The donations would allow students to hand in computer-generated reports, as many of their classmates do, and elderly residents to compile family histories, Metzemaekers says.

The Housing Authority office will provide receipts to donors for tax-deductible, charitable donations, she says.

The waiting list of elderly, dis-



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Main Street parking changes not enough, say some selectmen

By Neil Fater

There will be 15-minute parking spaces on Main Street for those who want to grab cash at an Andover ATM, snag coffee, donuts or bagels at a shop, or run into a convenience store.

But some selectmen say this 15-minute decision must just be the start of change if the town is truly to make downtown parking convenient.

"For nine years we've fiddled around, and I haven't seen much change," says Selectman Larry Larsen.

Monday, the board approved a police plan to eliminate all two-hour parking spots on Main Street. These spaces will be replaced with both one-hour and 15-minute spaces. There will be 15-minute spaces near Bruegger's and Starbucks, at the corner of Chestnut and Main streets, and in front of CVS, Andover Bank and Andover Video.

There will also be new 15-minute spaces on Punchard Avenue near Dunkin Donuts.

"The motion behind this was to cause more turnover downtown, so there'd be less incen-

tive for the people who work downtown to park in front of the stores all day, and more incentive for shoppers to come downtown," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

But even though selectmen and the manager support these new rules, they admit that they address very little of the long-debated downtown parking problem.

"In part, it's symbolic," says Stapczynski. "I'm not sure if there's a big fix out there."

Larsen says the town will have to give more than one ticket to parkers if it truly plans to stop some of the people who park in one spot all day.

However, Larsen says he believes selectmen will continue to address the downtown parking plight after he leaves the board next year. He notes that colleague Lori Becker is pushing to provide more remote parking for the exclusive use of employees of downtown stores.

"I would rather see something happen than nothing happen," says Becker.

Becker notes that the town has a long waiting list of downtown workers who want to get

into the town's limited employee parking program. This program allows workers to purchase a space away from Main Street that they can park in every day.

"Ten years ago, a lot of the businesses had one employee in them. Now, a lot of these businesses have grown. They have more people, but they still only own one parking space," she says.

Becker says she told Stapczynski that the town should oversell

these spaces because there are times when some are empty, since not everyone with a space works at the same time.

"We're in a position where we have all this growth but we can't support it without negatively affecting downtown business," says Becker. "You encourage business to come to town and you encourage businesses to grow, and you need to provide spaces for that to happen."

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abled and family residents hoping to get computers is more than 34 people, Metzemaekers says. She can be reached at 475-2365.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

House of Reuben helps Ethiopian Jews

An Andover resident has inspired the community to rally for his cause: helping Ethiopian Jews emigrate to Israel.

Reuben Parker, who moved to Andover in 1997, has established a non-profit foundation, the House of Reuben, and established a

corresponding web page <www.house-of-reuben.org> with the help of Andover resident Dr. Oliver Iba.

Parker met Iba through the Andover Senior Center, where members and staff have helped Parker draw attention to the plight of the Ethiopian Jews.

Parker, 73, who moved here with the hope of starting a foundation, is blind and had but one friend in the area when he arrived.

"Thank you to all the Andover citizens that have helped make this town my new home. You have helped me make my dreams come true," he says.

His Web site includes a link to images of and information about the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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Scams ...

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year. It's usually run out of Philadelphia. It's amazing, the amount of times this comes up," says Doherty. "But gullible people are taken in."

So Doherty wants to get the word out to protect veterans and Andover seniors. However, the life insurance scam is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to scams targeting Andover residents, according to Andover police.

Surprisingly, while all con artists want money, most scams don't target Andover's wealthy, however. They target the town's elderly — and the elderly in thousands of other cities and towns.

Andover Police Detective Charlie Heseltine says some seniors won't report when they've lost money to a con artist, because they don't want their family to think they're no longer competent to handle their finances.

"We know there's a lot more (scams) going on, but they're embarrassed to call. They'll take the loss," says Heseltine. "But they're not stupid. These people (scam artists) are con men and women. They're professionals."

"The majority of (seniors) do not call to report it. But this stuff needs to see the light of day," says Doherty.

Heseltine can run through a litany of schemes that have trapped Andover residents during the past couple of years. In virtually every case the victim was older than 70, he says. The incidents include:

- A North Main Street man who paid \$400 to a man claiming to be a mason. The man said he needed the money to buy materials to repair the resident's retaining wall. The man showed up with tools one day, but never did the work and was never seen again.

"The (resident) felt he would come back

because he brought his tools. But they were rusted, junk," says Heseltine. "We still have an active warrant for the guy."

During the warm spring and summer months, many con men drive around looking for homes with seniors, says Heseltine.

"They see the elderly at home, they come up to the door and identify themselves as a painter or a contractor," he says. "They're con men. They'll suck people in. They might get money for materials, and that's the last (residents) will ever see of them."

- A Dascomb Road man who hired someone to redo his driveway.

"The guy had a big truck, the whole bit. But the driveway was nothing but sawdust and oil," says Heseltine. "He said it would harden up in a day or two. That wouldn't harden up in 20 years."

- Elm and Abbot street residents who were approached by a man who claimed he saw a squirrel enter their chimney.

After the man was in the house, he would tell the people their chimney needed masonry work and offer his services. Heseltine says that after a relative confronted the man he quickly left.

- A Pike School-area resident who frequently sends money away to a variety of different sweepstakes, but never wins anything, was convinced he could win \$100,000 from a Canadian sweepstakes if he sent them \$4,902 to cover the taxes. Andover police say Montreal cops had been receiving a number of complaints about the scam, and they had to talk the man out of sending money.

Another woman did send \$3,500 to London with the promise of getting \$100,000. Later, she was told there had been an error and she should have sent \$40,000 to receive \$1 million. That's when she called police.

More and more, overseas con artists are using letters to U.S. residents, offering people large sums of money if they send a small amount first, or offer a bank account number.

Other scams



Photo/illustration by Carol Van Doren/Chris Will

Be scam savvy — If they're at your door, and you didn't ask for them, send them away.

Another scam involves two people, sometimes a mother with a child, entering a home with a story such as a need to use a bathroom. Once in the home, the mother will distract the homeowner while the child rifles through drawers looking for valuables.

Other scams take place over the phone, with people claiming to be from local charitable organizations. In some cases there is no connection, and in other cases only a small portion of the money will go to a charity.

In 1993, the state fire chiefs association hired a firm that had been sued in other states and ordered to stop certain fund-raising practices. The firm targeted Andover.

"I see these things come back three or four different times a year. I know Andover people have fallen for it. They've told me," says Doherty. "One of our prominent elected officials got victimized a few years ago. He thought he was doing the right thing (giving to a veterans charity). He didn't lose a lot, but he was furious."

Solutions

There are things people can do to protect themselves. Doherty advises residents to be wary of telephone charity solicitations.

"Sometimes, 95 percent of what they raise doesn't go to the charity," says Doherty. "No one should ever give to a charity that specifies an amount to give and offers to come pick it up."

People should also be careful about who they hire for house and yard work.

"Any time someone shows up at your house offering services that you didn't call for, an alarm should go off," says Heseltine. "If you didn't call for them they shouldn't be there. That's the bottom line."

Heseltine notes that some professionals must be registered with the state to operate, and residents can call the consumer information hotline at (617) 727-7780, or the board of buildings and regulations for information on a particular contractor at (617) 727-3200 ext. 659.

Not all professionals need to be registered, however. Heseltine says a good rule of thumb is to ask friends or family who they have used and been happy with, and to hire locally.

He says people should not give money to people who offer their services at the door and should call police to let them know about the solicitation.

As for offers of cash through the mail or over the phone, there's an easy rule to follow, says Heseltine.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it's too good to be true. People aren't giving money away," he says. "If it's Ed McMahon at your door, that's something else. But he'd better have a check in hand."

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All-star memories still very sweet for local residents

By Neil Fater

Last week's moving All-Star event at storied Fenway Park etched another chapter in Red Sox lore.

Here is a snippet from that chapter, the tale of three very different people and what the 1999 All-Star Game meant to them. It's the story of the casual fan who enjoyed the spectacle but left the game early, the season-ticket holder who wouldn't have missed any of it for the world, and the Red Sox official who helped make it all possible.

Bleacher bum

You might describe Mike Warshawsky as a casual fan, at least by Red Sox standards. But while Warshawsky no longer immerses himself in the culture of Red Sox Nation as he did years ago, he still ranks seeing the 1999 All-Star Game "right up there in the highlights of my life."

Warshawsky, chairman of Andover's Commission on Disabilities, established a relationship with the Red Sox when the organization was improving its accessibility for handicapped fans several years ago, he says. So when the All-Star Game rolled around, he acquired seats at the front of the bleachers, one row behind the visitors' bullpen.

As with nearly everyone who saw the pregame festivities, Warshawsky says the highlight of the night for him was seeing Ted Williams. Although Williams had never done so during his career, the Splendid Splinter waved his cap to the fans as he was driven around the park.

"He just went right by me. He had to be 10 feet away," says Warshawsky. "There was not a dry eye in the house when Ted Williams came out on the field. Everyone was just awestruck. Plus, there were all the other players on the field."

Prior to Williams' appearance, dozens of nominees for the All-Century Team had been introduced to loud and emotional applause. It was the greatest gathering of talent on one field this side of hardball heaven.

Then, Williams was brought out and carted around Fenway Park, first surrounded by cheers and then by the best players of all time — both past and present.

With that kind of pregame show, the game itself seemed secondary to many fans.

"I don't think it was that much louder (at the All-Star game), than it would be for a really hotly con-

tested game. I just think that was because everyone was so stunned by having all those players together. It had a numbing effect," says Warshawsky.

Warshawsky says he left the park before the game was over, feeling satisfied with his day and the city-wide party all weekend. The friend he accompanied to the game had to be at work early the next day, he says.

In the right place

The only place Ernie Paicopolos was leaving early last Tuesday was work.

The last time the All-Star Game was at Fenway, 38 years ago, his father brought

then-10-year-old Ernie to the game. Now it was Ernie's turn.

He and his 79-year-old father were in their right-field seats by 5 p.m.

"Basically we went to our seats and drank it all in. We were there for seven hours," says Paicopolos, a season-ticket holder. "Compared to our normal seats (on the third base line) it was an awful view. But the game was an afterthought."

"The highlight, as everyone has said, was the Williams appearance," he continues, comparing it a bit to Yaz's run around the park at the end of his career in 1983.

"There were tears in my eyes and I noticed quite a few people tearing up

around me — older guys mostly," says Paicopolos. "It was just very special."

So was listening to the crowd chant "Pedro! Pedro! Pedro!" during the first two innings, as hometown flamethrower Pedro Martinez struck out five of the six batters he faced. Paicopolos, who was at Fenway for the playoffs in 1990, 1995 and 1998, said the park had a playoff atmosphere for the first two innings even though it was filled with "a different crowd," people from dozens of different cities.

While the powerful emotions and pitch-

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Uncivil actions

There is nothing wrong with vigorous disagreement. There is nothing wrong with passionate feelings. There is nothing wrong with the desire to preserve neighborhoods.

But there was something terribly wrong with the conduct of residents who packed the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday demanding that California Products be denied permission to build a paint manufacturing and distribution plant in Andover.

There were hisses. There were catcalls. There were threats. Selectman Brian Major could barely be heard reading his motion over the chaos. The one thing that should be at the heart of any democratic process — civility — was missing entirely.

In short, it was inexcusable. If the children of these people ever behaved this way in school, one can only hope they'd be suspended.

And claiming, "The selectmen didn't listen to us," is simply not true. They did listen — for weeks. They put off a decision on the matter for several weeks, and reopened a public hearing to hear more feedback from the neighborhood.

But — and this is apparently what their critics find so intolerable — they also listened to others. They listened to the company's neighbors in Cambridge. They listened to Andover's police and fire chiefs, to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Health Department.

So what the opponents to California Products really mean is not that "they didn't listen to us," but that "they didn't agree with us."

Because throughout this process, it is the opponents who have refused to listen.

The fire chief supports it? Oh, well then, he must be incompetent. A selectman supports it? Well, he or she must be in bed with the company's attorney. There is no way their motives could be pure, or that they could have a good reason for their view because, after all, no intelligent person would disagree with us.

It is apparently impossible, in their view, for people of good will to have honest, valid differences over what is best for the community. It is apparently impossible, in their view, for this decision to have been based on the fact that the company had met the criteria necessary for locating in what is, after all, an industrial zone.

One opponent in the audience Monday night, kept shouting, "You're not my voice," at the selectmen. Indeed, she and everybody else in town had better hope that the board is not her voice, or the voice of any other individual. Selectmen represent the interests of the entire town, not just those of one street or neighborhood. They also have to decide issues based on local bylaws, not the emotion of the moment.

There may be some good reasons to oppose industry locating near one's neighborhood. But the opponents of California Products didn't gain any sympathy for themselves or their cause Monday by their conduct.

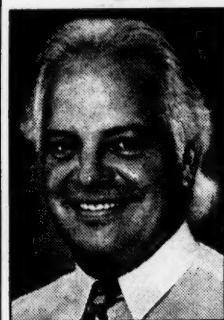
They owe the board, and the rest of the town, an apology.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Sweet temptation — Sam and Jason Der Ananian serve up some of the ice cream specialties their College Express truck has made famous. Sam, on the left, is holding a Dove Bar, a favorite of adults, while his son Jason holds the top-selling Screwball. Sam says, "There's something unique about an ice cream truck that makes people find it. You could put this truck in the middle of the woods, and camouflage it, and kids would still find it."

Hopping aboard the College Express



Jack Grady

One of the unexpected pleasures of this job has been getting to know a number of families in Andover.

Twice a year for seven years, thousands and thousands of dean's list notices have crossed my desk, marking the academic progress of Andover students away at college. We publish all of them, too.

I remember a lot of the names that have become so familiar, but for the last four semesters I've noticed one in particular, because this guy goes to the same college I graduated from, 25 years ago. This came in the mail not long ago:

Jason S. Der Ananian, son of Souran and Gail Der Ananian of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., for the spring semester. The Phillips Academy graduate is enrolled in the Engineering School. The former newspaper carrier received the Eagle Tribune Scholarship Award in 1997.

I had been thinking I should compare notes with Jason, see how he likes it there, and find out how different it is

now, compared with back in the '70s.

Then one of those "Andover coincidences" happened, and I knew it would just be a matter of time.

On May 8, an out-of-town "drifter-type" came through town — and pretty fast, too. Police finally got Perry Mitchell, 43, of Arizona into the back seat of a cruiser in Shawsheen Plaza, but not before he'd injected cocaine and led police on a reckless, Keystone Kops chase through town, slamming into a number of cruisers and other vehicles, and demolishing fences, shrubs and lawns, including the playing fields at Phillips Academy. ("Wild in the streets," *Townsmen*, May 13, Page 1.)

Mitchell said he thought someone was "after him." He was right, too. In no time about half the Andover police force was after him. Evidently he had seen one-too-many Rob Zombie demonic-possession-while-driving videos on MTV.

The chase through town started after he hijacked the College Express ice cream truck, owned and operated by Souran "Sam" Der Ananian, Jason's father. Sam came out of Larry D's Deli on Andover Street and found Mitchell in the truck, trying to figure out how to start it. Every knob was yanked out from the dashboard. He pulled out a pile of money, then forced Sam to take him for a ride, but changed his mind (near the police station) and told Sam to take him back to his Lincoln Continental, which was still running. The police showed up, Mitchell

got back in his own car — and the chase was on.

The following Monday, there was a discussion in the *Townsmen* newsroom to verify the spelling of the family's last name.

"Hey, wait — I know that name," I said. "His son is always on the dean's list at UVA, my alma mater."

So last month, when I saw the College Express ice cream truck parked outside Royal Jewelers on Main Street during Bazaar Days, part of a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and saw a 20-year-old fellow in the truck, I said, "Hey, is your name Jason?"

He said it was. I introduced myself and asked him if his truck was keeping the University of Virginia in business.

He laughed and said yes, that's where all the tuition checks were going.

I explained that I had been receiving and running his dean's list notices from U.Va., and that I went there, too. I suggested that since he was an engineering student, he must feel like he's living in Thornton Hall when he's on campus.

"Hey, you really did go there," Jason replied.

Yep — as sure as Thomas Jefferson liked ice cream. Although the art and creative writing classes were at the opposite end of the campus from the School of Engineering — in more ways than one — my freshman dorm was just around the corner from where Jason goes to classes

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Letters

A life-changing trip



Jia Jung

I just returned from a month in the British West Indies. My skin is tanned like it may never be again, my arm hairs have been bleached by the sun and my hair is braided into spikes. I've developed my first roll of film, and I have a lot to share with Andover.

On a cool New England summer morning, I boarded a flight to Miami. I had always dreamed of going to the Caribbean and studying the ocean, and now I was on my way to participate in a month-long program in South Caicos with the School for Field Studies. It took three flights for about 19 other students and I to reach the tiny South Caicos airport, where we loaded our luggage onto a huge truck, "The Kaiser." All of us hopped on, and held on for the bumpy, dusty, exhaust-filled ride to the school.

Every aspect about South Caicos was infinitely more breathtaking than my wildest imaginations. First, the water in the Caribbean really is that color, or rather, a spectrum of blues that I never knew could exist in nature. The sea was overflowing with fish, coral, octopi, giant manta rays, conch, lobsters, and sharks, among other things. The island itself was only eight square miles. It was complete with cacti, flowers, limestone, white sand, lizards, salinas (salt ponds) and flamingos. Bulls, cows, horses, roosters, and pigs roamed the dirt roads.

Even with the pristine, well-preserved scenery of the island, it was not a typical vacationer/tourist resort. There were harsh realities of poverty; children would sometimes chase us around and beg for quarters. South Caicos is a desert island, and we were there during the dry season, which meant infrequent, three-minute showers, saltwater toilets, and a saltwater pool. We stayed in a primitive hotel, which sometimes let in giant cockroaches. Saturday mornings were designated for campus cleanup, when we would have the treat of taking a ride in a truck full of maggot-infested trash bags to the island's landfill. Kitchen crew came around faster than we could blink, which meant that every surface had to be scoured with hot bleach water and the drink jugs had to be constantly monitored. Still, we weren't really roughing it; the resident cook, Issy, made up for it all with her excellent dinners, which kept us all contented.

The academics of the program were very demanding. Throughout the course, I realized the importance of the SFS Center for Marine Resource Studies; it is the only adviser of environmental issues to the South Caicos government.

This is a rather large responsibility when one realizes that the small island accounts for 90 percent of the world's conch market (conch is an edible, deli-

cious mollusk that is popular in the Caribbean, Florida, and surrounding areas), as well as a significant portion of the spiny lobster market. Our studies were based upon monitoring opulations of conch, spiny lobsters, fin fish and larval marine organisms. Thus, we assessed the effectiveness of the marine-protected areas, as well as the efficacy of techniques for population mitigation and preservation. The objective of my directed research project was to determine if casitas (artificial lobster shelters) could affect the population of the spiny lobster.

To pursue these objectives, my group and I went to several sites and observed previously deployed casitas, and deployed new casitas for future groups to study. I learned to identify more fish and coral than I ever thought possible for

Guest column

species I.D. tests.

There were physical challenges as well. We went out on the water two to three times a day. Often, the current was so strong that it would take 30 minutes for the group to swim against it to a location, and only five to get back to the boat.

My most meaningful experiences revolved around the people I met and the friendships I made. The town store was owned by a man called "Dr. Love." I made friends with "New York," "Big Dog" and "Tweety," among others. Everyone, including me, had a nickname. Locals called me "shorty," which I gradually came to accept as a term of endearment.

I consoled a man who was grieving for his late cousin. A fisherman told me the story of how he lost his arm to a shark. And all of us shared many a game of dominoes.

I lived every day to the fullest, with experiences that included climbing up a tree to pick fresh coconuts, sitting on a beach by a bonfire on July 4, trying my best in a basketball game with the locals, swimming to a cay and hiking to the top of it, lying on rocks and reading a book by the spraying water as music carried over from the town, jumping off a boat into water that looked like liquid glass, and floating in the middle of the ocean, gazing up at the undisturbed night sky.

There, the weather was always dry, hot, sunny, and breezy, except for the fierce, almost daily, 10-minute long tropical downpours. Pineapple and watermelon sodas were more abundant than Sprite. Food came to us weekly on huge, rusty barges, and once, a tiny sailboat from Haiti brought mangoes, bananas, and baskets to sell or trade at the docks. Cars drove on the left side of the road, and Bob Marley was a culture.

I am thankful and honored to have had the opportunity to participate in such a program. As much as I miss it now, I am ready to move on, because I know that the aching in my heart is a memory that will not fade.

Jia Jung lives on Central Street. She will be a senior at Phillips Academy.

Pedestrians: don't be dead right

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Many schools, like the prestigious Phillips Academy, pride themselves on the number of bright students that attend academically competitive schools. The valedictorian and salutatorian in past years have gone on to schools like Harvard or Yale. Even students from the top two-thirds in their class achieve acceptance at Boston College.

Some of these students excel in mathematics and sciences, later becoming doctors, while others earn their Masters in English, ending up writing nationally acclaimed books. With all the time and effort spent on higher learning, would not one think that a PA student would be able to cross a crosswalk?

I must take issue on this subject, even though it may sound ridiculous to readers. On July 6, around 10 p.m., I was driving home in my Ford Taurus, going south on Route 28. As I approached the intersection of Salem Street and 28, I noticed a Honda Accord in the left lane with its blinker signaled for a left turn.

I thought the driver had stopped to wait for oncoming traffic before making the turn. I cannot remember if the Honda had a green arrow; all I knew was that I had a green light, and should be able to pass safely through the intersection, as I had the right of way.

I was no more than 10 yards from the light when I discerned the whites of pedestrians' eyes. I slammed on my brakes. If it were not for my keen reflexes, a cross walker or walkers would have been seriously hurt.

Reader, I know what you are thinking: the pedestrian had the right of way. Massachusetts law states that drivers must stop for pedestrians. I think this is a great law.

However, this does not give the pedestrian the right to frolic out into the road whenever he or she feels it is necessary. Drivers are just as prone to injury as pedestrians are while on the road. If a pedestrian crosses without looking both ways and a Mack truck is closing in, do you think that Mack truck will stop in time? Of course not. That poor driver may have to turn into a telephone pole or a tree while avoiding the careless pedestrian.

I think practicing a little common sense is not too much to ask of a pedestrian. This does not just go for PA students, with whom I have seen this scenario one too many times. Any Andover pedestrian ought to look both ways before crossing the street. If the road you would like to cross has a green light to the oncoming traffic and there are cars nearing, let the traffic flow. If it's dark outside and there are walk signals that permit pedestrians to walk at appropriate times — as was the case with me the other night — then please take advantage of what you have. It

would save a lot of unnecessary injuries to cross walkers and early heart attacks for drivers.

They say hindsight is 100 percent. Walkers, if you feel as though it is unsafe to cross a crosswalk, then chances are you are right. Just because you own a wealthy home, drive an expensive car, or were educated at the top private academies in the United States does not mean a car is going to brake for you. This is something the pedestrian has to consider. This is not something you learn at school.

Matthew Yost

A 15-year resident of Andover and a UMass/Amherst student

Help curb feral cats

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As a former longtime Andover resident but still avid *Townsmen* reader, I was deeply touched by Taylor Armerding's fine article on a wonderful group working to curb the population of feral cats in the area, Operation Feline Lifeline ("Cat lovers seek to curb flourishing felines," *Townsmen*, June 24).

Every year my husband and I travel from Canada to North Carolina and Florida where we see first-hand what a problem stray and unwanted cats have become. Many survive, but are faced with constant hunger, disease and abuse. In the colder months, when the food is scarce and shelter in short supply, they die a slow and horrible death.

We have seen just such a program as Operation Feline Lifeline at work in North Carolina, and happily it works. Feral cats are trapped, given medical attention, spayed or neutered and, hopefully, placed for adoption or simply returned to their territory in the wild. This way the population of feral cats is stabilized. It is only with articles such as yours that people will become informed about this terrible problem, which ultimately affects us all.

My three dearly loved cats were all destined for a sad, short life until they were rescued. Smokey was abandoned under a car at two weeks of age, and bottle fed until he was strong enough to be part of our family. Smitty was rescued from a certain grim life in a dumpster. Pawtucket, once a feral cat living along the Merrimack River, is now the perfect example that cats taken from the wild can, with love and patience, adjust to a normal life.

I am today sending my donation to Operation Feline Lifeline and hope other readers will do the same. Let's support these dedicated individuals who are doing so much to ease the suffering of these forgotten animals.

Eleanor Wilkinson

Campobello Island, N. B., Canada

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On the College Express

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now. I walked past it every day for nine months.

Back then, it was the first year that women were admitted without quotas, and I lived in a new, coed dorm.

Which was interesting.

And now it just happened to be the weekend of my 25th class reunion — but what person in his right mind would miss Bazaar Days in downtown Andover?

I asked Jason if Sam, his father, was the one who was hijacked. He said yes, he's over there, you should meet him.

I introduced myself to Sam, who like his son is a very friendly guy, and I asked if they'd be willing talk to the paper — some other time, of course, when they weren't so busy — about themselves and the College Express ice cream truck. These are two popular guys — the lines to buy their ice cream were relentless.

Then one recent afternoon, I saw the College Express ice cream truck making a left turn from Chestnut Street and flagged Jason down along Main Street. (It was the first time I had run for an ice cream truck in about 30 years.)

We set a time for all three of us to get together, and I got to spend a very pleasant morning with Sam and Jason in their truck last week. They let me sit in the driver's seat. Eat your heart out, Perry Mitchell.

I had a million questions I wanted to ask them, and they had answers to all of my questions. Here's some of what I learned.

■ Yes, the College Express family business helps pay some — not all — of the college tuition bills.

■ Jason wasn't the first to work his way through school. His brother, Craig, now a lieutenant on the *USS Los Angeles* and living in Hawaii, was the first. Back in 1991, he begged his father to let him work for their neighbor, who owned the business. Sam, a tax attorney by day, saw an opportunity there and liked it so much, he bought the company, in 1992.

■ Craig put himself through Cornell; then sister Christine, from 1993 through 1997, put herself through Hobart & William Smith in Geneva, N.Y. A College Express graduate, she is now a third-grade teacher in New York City.

■ In 1997, Jason took over the route, after graduating from Phillips Academy. Jason reminded me that the *Townsmen* ran his graduation day photo — he and a classmate were smoking big cigars. I had forgotten about that photo page, even though I had done the layout. *That was you?* Sam said that Gail, his wife, a teacher at Pike School, would never forget it — two years later, the yellowing newsprint is still on their refrigerator.

■ The music playing on their truck isn't obnoxious or doesn't prompt new bylaws like some ice-cream trucks have. The tune? *Little Brown Jug*.

■ The ice-cream selling season goes from early May, the Walk for Hunger in Boston, then Clown Town, through the summer and fall, 'til Thanksgiving, or until it snows (when their ice cream goes for 25 cents apiece until it's all gone).

■ Without hesitation, Jason and Sam said their No. 1 selling ice-cream item is the Screwball — a frozen, pink-slush-and-blue-bubblegum concoction.

■ Right behind the Screwball are the red-white-and-blue Bomb Pops, the M&M cookie ice-cream sandwiches and the King Cones, sort of like a colossal Nutty Buddy-on-steroids. (My description, not theirs.)

■ Reese's Bars, Dove Bars, Warheads, Mystery Mouth Bombs, and Tasmanian Devils don't do too badly, either.

■ Ice-cream items range in price from \$1 to \$1.50 for most kiddie selections, topping out at \$2.25 for the King Cone.

■ They sell all premium brands, according to Sam. Nothing they wouldn't eat themselves. Jason laughs. "I'm not so sure about the Alien Space Face, though. That's pretty yucky." "Kids love it, though," Sam adds.

■ Guess what their overall No. 1 seller is, to kids and adults alike...

Bottled water. It makes sense when you can find the College Express stopped at so many DCS camps, summer programs, ballfields, schools, sports camps, the Skate Park... Plus the countless walkers, runners, skaters and all the other passers-by they encounter every day.

■ A lot of parents believe that were it not for the College Express, their kids who hang out at the Skate Park all day would starve.

■ The typical day, by the way, goes from 10 a.m. to dusk, about 8:30 right now. And they just started catering

private parties. Jason says, "My friends at school think it's pretty cool that I sell ice cream during the summer. But it's not as easy as people make it out to be, though. We start stocking the truck at 8:30 a.m. ... And it's 9 or 9:30 at night by the time the day is over."

■ I told Jason and Sam, "I'll never forget the eye-opening revelation I had as a little kid, on a train somewhere between South Station and New York City — going along the Connecticut Turnpike, I think — and seeing a Good Humor truck driving on the highway and keeping up with the train. It must've been going 65 mph! Maybe *that's* what Perry Mitchell was thinking on that warm Saturday afternoon in May... So, what can this little baby do?" I patted the steering wheel. They laughed, and said yes, they they start out the day by taking it on the highway to Haverhill — their distributor, Sonny Boy Ice Cream Vending, is there — but "it really doesn't go *that* fast. In town, the truck seldom goes over 25 or 30 (mph)."

■ Sam might be called when the Mitchell case goes to trial pretty soon. "But they told me I'm No. 21 — there are 20 complaints against the guy ahead of mine."

■ Jason is looking forward to the fall, when he'll be at the University of Bath, in England, until December. And traveling around the United Kingdom and Ireland. What happens after that? "In January I'll be back in Charlottesville, living in a house on 14th Street."

"Hey, that's right around the corner from where I lived for two years, in a house on Wertland Street," I said. "That house became the inspiration for the movie *Animal House*." Or so we thought.

■ The Der Ananian family fondly acknowledges that those who came before them, made things easier for them. They call it "standing on the shoulders of giants." I asked them about their slogan, *Abrees Dughas*, on the front hood of their truck. Sam explained that it was something his father, Harry, would say to him in Armenian. "Live Life, My Son." Work hard, then enjoy life.

"...As in, Work hard, Play hard?" I wondered.

"That's it exactly," Sam said. "My kids are the ones who built this business. To see them grow... work hard... accomplish... that's the greatest satisfaction I have."

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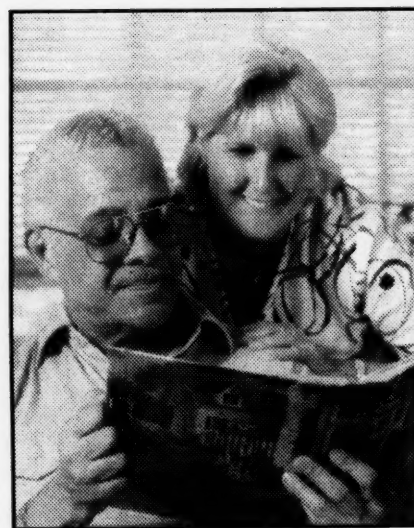
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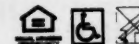


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Education

AHS still learning how to accomodate disabled students

By Rebecca Lipchitz

When it comes to making sure Andover High School is really as handicapped accessible as it should be, graduate Justin Coppola says the squeaky wheels get the grease.

Coppola, who graduated this year, was the first student who uses a wheelchair to attend Andover High School during and after renovation.

As a student, Coppola, 18, also served on the town's Commission on Disabilities and on the Lawrence non-profit Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc. (NILP).

He says he used politics and persistence to draw attention to problems with accessibility, many of which should have been addressed in the renovations of the high school.

If he had to give advice to a student like himself coming to Andover High School, it would be to persist.

"Don't get discouraged if it seems like the administration isn't listening to the accommodations you need, because eventually, if you whine loud enough and long enough, they will get it done," he says.

In February 1998, the NILP wheeled through the school and came up with a list of more than 40 issues

of inaccessibility at the high school, at least 21 which have been resolved, according to the Commission on Disabilities.

The most serious issue, which has been addressed, is the elevator that brings disabled students from the lobby to the second and third floors of the high school where classes are held.

In 1997, Coppola spent one or two periods a day for much of the year in the cafeteria with his aide rather than in class, because the elevator was broken. When renovations were complete and the new elevator was running, the old elevator, narrower than the new one, was condemned.

But the new elevator didn't always work, he says. For 10 days during 1998, the new elevator was broken, which required Coppola to go out the front door, around to the back of the school, up a steep hill and in another door to the science wing.

This door also served as the designated exit in case of fire, a problematic plan, he says, for reasons including the possibility of fire in the science wing, where chemicals could cause an additional hazard.

In some instances, Coppola came to school, took the elevator up to the second floor, but it broke during the day. In those cases, the Fire Department had to be summoned to evacuate him, fire or no fire. On winter days, he had to wheel up a steep hill of snow and ice.

While administrators who no longer work at the school gave him the cold shoulder about some issues, they warmed up eventually, and things started getting done, particularly when he decided to go straight to the top.

But his allies hail from all over various town and school departments, including teachers who repeatedly stay late, custodians and the town manager, he says.

The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) coordinator Candace Hall, also head of personnel, was responsive, Coppola says.

"Once I brought this issue up to her, she got all the right people involved, working diligently to try and fix it," Coppola says.

Things that need adjusting at AHS run from major to minor, Coppola says, but some minor changes make a major difference.

For example, he says the carpets in the lobby of the school were not taped down, and could catch in a wheelchair and cause the person to flip over onto the ground.

"That about sums up the problems with the high school," Coppola says, of small things that make getting around very dangerous.

As a student in South and Sanborn schools, Coppola used a walker. He later



Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Justin Coppola, graduate of Andover High School, has been stranded on the second floor when the elevator breaks, and had to be evacuated by the Fire Department. The elevator has since been repaired, and officials are working with Commission on Disabilities members to fix other problems of accesibility at the High School.

learned to navigate thorough Doherty Middle School with a wheelchair.

Joe Piantedosi, director of Plant and Facilities, says he has worked with Coppola on resolving issues at the school, and in other areas of town.

"We agreed on high-priority items to get done right away and lower-priority items that we'd get done as time permitted and funding allowed," Piantedosi says.

His department handles ADA compliance all over town, not just in schools, he says, which is part of the Capital Improvement Project budget every year.

"I see (the Commission on Disabilities) as a resource to help with this and I see a good working relationship with the community," Piantedosi says.

Coppola says he plans to use his position on the commission to help with other school-related issues in town including the two new proposed schools for West Andover.

"My life would have been much simpler if I never cared, or got onto the commission or gotten into politics and just went to high school, came home and did my homework. But I wanted to make it better for peo-

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Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Over the river and through the woods — well, not quite. But AHS graduate Justin Coppola made this trip around the school and up a hill and ramp into the door, pictured behind him, many times to get to class when the elevator was broken. There is no other way for him to get to the second floor of the school, or to get out in a fire.

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ple coming after me," he says.

Commission Chairman Mike Warshawsky says the Commission on Disabilities was less active when the high school was renovated, but plans to be actively involved in the planning of the elementary and middle schools to be built at Cross Street and High Plain Road.

Warshawsky also aims to eliminate the need for students who use the elevator to carry a key.

"Apparently they can't trust able-bodied students not to play around with it. I proposed discussing the matter with high school students, to try to knock some sense into them. I'd like to be able to get to any level I want with no assistance," Warshawsky says.

Coppola's father, Justin Coppola Sr., praised town officials for their work in correcting problems at the High School, but added that it shouldn't have been necessary.

"Why should they have to do all that work? We've already paid for it," he says.

Coppola Jr. plans to study Web development at Northern Essex Community College for the fall.

One of his Web projects includes the Web page for the Andover Commission on Disabilities, available through the Town of Andover Web site <www.town.andover.ma.us>.

Coppola is the youngest Andover resident to serve on a town committee.

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Jason S. Der Ananian, son of Souran and Gail Der Ananian of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., for the spring semester. The Phillips Academy graduate is enrolled in the Engineering School. The former newspaper carrier received *The Eagle-Tribune* Scholarship Award in 1997.

Several students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute worked on a plan for a new exhibit at the Bangkok Science

Center on a project undertaken in Thailand. They hope Thai children will learn about the importance and limitations of petroleum use and become more interested in energy conservation.

WPI students who took part in the project included Vinesh Chatterjee, a junior mechanical engineering major from Andover.

Students talked with science experts, petroleum experts and educators to gather recommendations about displays that would be fun, interactive and

informative, and surveyed school children to get their viewpoints. They then developed a floor plan and display ideas using sketches and computer-aided design software. Throughout the process, the students consulted with a design firm to assess the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the exhibit, making sure to stay within budget.

The WPI students also created an informational pamphlet on petroleum use, a multimedia Web page and other educational materials.

Michael J. Santangelo, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Santangelo of Andover, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration with concentration in marketing during May 8 commencement exercises at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. He is also the brother of Stefanie Santangelo of Andover.

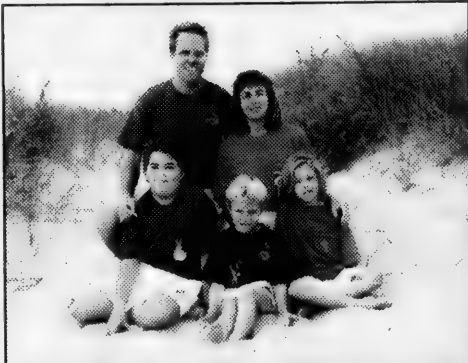
Bin Xu received a master of science degree in chemical engineering from Oregon State University on June 13.

The UMass Lowell Art Department brought 24 students, faculty and alumni to New York City on a three-day trip, including Andover residents Arno Minkinen, a professor in the art department, and Ellen Mullane, a senior in fine arts.

The group toured uptown art galleries, contemporary galleries and the Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim.

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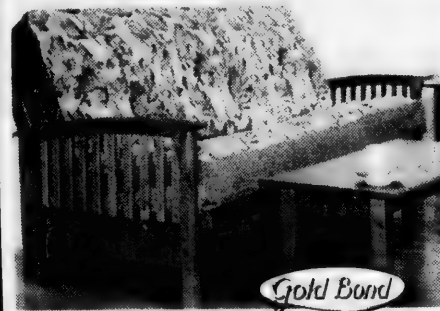
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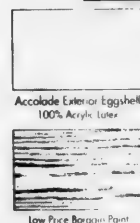
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The following students from Andover received degrees from University of Massachusetts Lowell at its June 6 graduation ceremony: **Ashwin Bihari** of 15 Rutgers Road, a BS in computer science; **Sara C. Clements**, a BS in nursing; **Richard L. Damren** of 7 Argyle St., a MS in bio. sci. biotech option; **Sean F. Donohue** of 35 River Road, a BSE in mechanical engineering; **Denise M. Doran** of 2 Buchan Road, a BS in nursing; **Riley C. Doyle** of 22 Vine St., a BS in computer science; **Nancy Elaine Duggan** of 178 High St., a MS in environmental studies; **Letitia R. Fedor** of 3 Casimere St., a BSE in plastic engineering; **Maria C. Gargiula** of 800 Bullfinch Drive, a BA in English; **Andrei A. Kostousov** of 64 Summer St., a MBS in business administration; **Joseph A. Lachiana** of 38 Old County Road, a BBA in business administration management information systems concentration; **Matthew H. Leonard** of 4 Tanglewood Way North, a BA in psychology; **Dianne McCarthy** of 11 Brook St., a MBS in business administration; **Kevin Michael McCarthy** of 11 Brook St., a BLA in liberal arts; **Marybeth McGinn** of 108 High Plain Road, an MEd in curr. and inst. initl. cert. option; **Audrey A.**

Nicholson of 18 Ridge St., an MEd in curr. and inst. initl. cert. option; **Joseph Nicolaisen**, an MSE in electrical engineering; **Kevin M. O'Brien** of 426 River Road, a BSE in civil engineering; **Philip B. Parsons III** of 49 North St., a BBA in business administration management information systems concentration; **Andrew E. Peck** of 5 Arundel St., an MA in criminal justice; **Jeri L. Quirk** of 14 Alison Way, a BS in nursing; **Karl W. Smith** of 48 Stevens St., a BS in computer science; **Diana H. Tisbert** of 6 Pettingill Road, a BA in philosophy and communications; **Jessica A. Tobin** of 6 Strawberry Hill Road, a BA in psychology; **L. Patrick Traino** of 3 Teaberry Lane, a BS in mathematics; **Noreen C. Volpe** of 57 Blanchard St., a BA in English; **Alexandra Webb** of 2 Algonquin Ave., a BA in psychology; **Sarah C. Witman** of 48 Haggetts Pond Road, a BS in chemistry; **Daniel John Wrigley** of 12 Highland Ave., an MEd in curr. and inst. initl. cert. option.

Brian Treitman, son of Barbara and Mike Vacarr of Andover, graduated from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., on June 11 with a bachelor of science degree.

Randi Spiegel of 4 Alison Way has been inducted into Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. The political science major is a 1996 graduate of Andover High School.

Psi Chi was founded to

encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship in and advance the science of psychology.

Melissa Ciaccia, daughter of Peter and Linda Ciaccia of 121 Woburn St., received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude from the College of the Holy Cross at its May 28 commencement.



Melissa Ciaccia

the Edna Dwyer Grzebien Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages. She is a member of the Spanish honors society, Sigma Delta Pi, and has been named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semesters.

Jamie Shulman of Andover, a senior majoring in consumer studies in the College for Human Development at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., was inducted into the university's chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society.

Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society recognizes academic excellence and promotes scholarship and high professional standards among students of family and consumer sciences.

Stefanie A. Santangelo, daughter of James and Arlene

Santangelo of Andover, received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester at its May 28 commencement. The history and political science major is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

Santangelo has been coaching girls lacrosse at the Fay School in Southborough and has taught math and English as a second language for its summer program. She is teaching at Phillips Academy in its summer program.

Andover residents **Cathleen Calnan**, **Marybeth O'Connor**, **Jean-Paul Guerard** and **Donna DeSilva** were awarded bachelor degrees from Salem State College in Salem, Mass. on May 22.

Four students from Andover were named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., for the spring semester. They are **Sarah Kramer** of 4 Radcliff Drive, a marketing major; **Alison McClearn** of 6 Donald Circle, business undeclared; **Lauren Mickee** of 16 Enmore St., business undeclared; and **Nicole Sannella** of 105 Colonial Drive, an occupational therapy major.

Eric Pisick, the son of Dr. Barry Pisick of Tiffany Lane, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., on May 23 commencement exercises. The English major graduated cum laude with departmental honors.

Carolyn Perry-Schoen of Andover, a psychology major, was among arts and sciences students presenting original research at the annual Salem State College Undergraduate Research Symposium May 7 in the college's O'Keefe Center. Her topic was "Factors Relating to Pet Ownership."

Completion of a thesis based upon original research is a requirement for graduation from the Salem State College Honors Program.

Lauren Ellis of Andover was one of 27 outstanding senior women selected for participation in the White Rose Ceremony at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

Lauren Ellis

During commencement weekend each year the event is held in memory of Philura Gould, class of 1886, the granddaughter of John Baldwin, founder of Baldwin University, the forerunner of B-W.

The business major was active in the Black Student Alliance and the Gospel Choir.

William W. Olney, son of Peter Olney and Susan Faxon of Andover, was initiated into Beta Theta Pi by the chapter at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He is a graduate of

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Andover residents **Deborah Cuomo, Joanne Donnelly, George S. MacInnis III, Michael Riordan and Jason Sterling** graduated from Massachusetts School of Law.

Among those earning bachelor of arts degrees from Roger Williams University Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences in Bristol, R.I., at May 22 commencement ceremonies were Andover residents **Sarah A.**

Mainen, Stephen J. Sylvanowicz, and Katherine M. Richards. Mainen also received the Outstanding Social Work Award.

Natalie Jordan, a 1995 graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor of arts degree May 9 from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

The English major is the daughter of Christine Bagley of Andover and Edward Jordan of Roanoke, Va. The dean's list student earned a scholarship from Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary her sophomore year. She was a member of Cultures United Seeking Solutions and the college chorus and was listed in *Who's Who of American College and University Students*. Jordan studied abroad her junior year. She was a resident assistant for three years, acting as a head resident assistant her senior year, and

worked on the hospitality committee for Bill Cosby's visit to the college.

Alison Bartlett, daughter of John and Maria Bartlett of 20 Bateson Drive, graduated June



Alison Bartlett

1 with honors from Princeton University. The politics major earned certificates in political economics, political theory and African studies. She spent the spring term of her junior year studying at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. The 1995 graduate of Phillips Academy will live in Boston and work for The Parthenon Group, a management consult-

ing firm.

Daniel Jaffe, who will be a ninth-grader at Andover High School this fall, will attend the 1999 summer session in marine studies at Acadia Institute of Oceanography at Seal Harbor, Maine. The program is a full field-study of tidal pools, estuaries, salt marshes, sand beaches and off-shore sampling and all phases of oceanography are explored.

Daniel is the son of Myrna Zetlan.

Joshua K. Hoerner, a sophomore at Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y., was inducted into the Chimera Society during the college's annual Charter Day ceremony.

Charter Day is held every spring to commemorate the granting of Hobart's charter by the state of New York in April 1982.

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outstanding students for academic excellence as they enter their junior year.

Hoerner is the son of Drs. Thomas and Rebecca Hoerner of Andover.

Four Andover residents were named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester. They are: **Caroline P. Torrisi**, daughter of Anthony and Linda Torrisi, an English major and a graduate of Andover High School.

Douglas J. Hsu, son of John and Lynda Hsu, a biology major and a Phillips Academy graduate.

Allison M. MacRae, daughter of Angus and Maureen MacRae, a biology major and a graduate of Andover High.

David C. Matson, son of John and Sarah Matson, an international studies major.

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News

Paint ...

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of residents opposed to the issue. At the residents' request, selectmen asked for more information about the hazards of the chemicals involved in the permit, and continued the public hearing to June 21. Selectmen closed the hearing at the end of that meeting. Monday's agenda item was to discuss the issue and vote on the permit, not to hear more from interested parties.

But resident Jodi Germano Cataldo of Partridge Hill Road, one of those who shouted at board members, said later that the more reading she did about chemicals, the more dangerous it seemed. She says she doesn't think the Fire Department in Andover is prepared to handle a chemical fire that could start at such a plant.

"What happens when it gets into the air? You can say nothing is going to happen but it just takes one time," she says.

She says she believes Andover has enough chemicals and contaminated land already, and wants to see areas cleaned up before more chemicals are allowed in town.

Cataldo says her outburst at Monday's meeting was unusual for her.

"I've lived in town 24 years and I never complained about anything," she says.

Resident Don DeNovellis asked Hess to inform him of a way to appeal the decision. Hess said he would get back to him with an answer in two or three days. DeNovellis says he and many other residents plan to appeal the decision, if there is a way.

"I wanted the motion defeated. A large number of people find a paint manufacturing and storage facility near a lot of private homes to be undesirable," he says.

When residents complained that they were not notified of public hearings, Hess says that the law required the town to notify residents within 300 feet of the site, but the nearest residence is within 1,200 feet.

Bad behavior

At the meeting, residents were clearly outraged at the board's refusal to reopen the public meeting. So they spoke anyway, interrupting, yelling over discussions, booing and hissing.

Residents say they were ill-informed of the permit proceedings, and that selectmen did not hear their concerns nor did they represent them by voting to approve the permit.

"You are not my voice," repeated resident Bonnie Unger, over a murmur in the crowd while Selectman Brian Major read the motion to approve the permit.



Photos by Carol Van Doren

The Cambridge operation — California Products' cans of paint roll along the line at its Cambridge operation. Below, a worker tends the assembly line. Company officials say the Andover operation would employ 115, plus 25 part-time summer workers.

Selectman Chairman John Hess banged the gavel several times to quiet the meeting, many times unsuccessfully.

Cataldo interrupted the board's discussion several times until Hess warned her that he would have her removed from the meeting if necessary.

"Do you want to be removed from the meeting?" Hess asked her after she had interrupted them several times.

"Why? Would that be convenient for you?" she responded.

Andover police officer Bob Cronin, who was at the meeting to discuss a separate agenda item, says he the crowd was so rowdy he thought he might have had to take action, but waited for the word from selectmen, none of whom requested help.

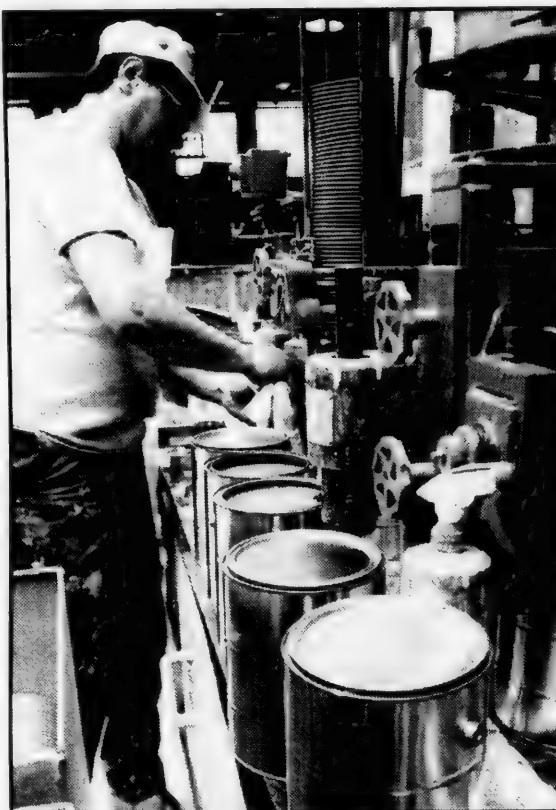
Do the right thing

Selectmen say they're not happy that the company must use chemicals in its business, but they believe the plant would pose no serious threat to the environment or residents in the area.

Selectman Mary French says she considers herself an environmentalist, and would rather not see any more chemicals in Andover. "But that's not the world we live in," she says.

She adds that the area was specifically rezoned last year from one form of industrial area to an industrial area which provides for manufacturing.

According to the Town Warrant of 1998, the area was rezoned to make it more like the areas around it, and to help



create manufacturing jobs in Andover.

Selectman Lori Becker says she felt it was her job as an elected official to make an informed decision rather than simply react to emotional outcries.

"I know more about xylene now than I ever thought I would," she says.

Selectman Brian Major, who moved approval of the permit, says that through touring the facility he found their operations to be clean and well-organized.

"I was impressed with their operations and safety proceedings," he says. "I see no reason not to invite them to be a neighbor in our community," he says.

Fire Chief Harold Wright says he also

toured the facility to assess the company's look, smell, and impact on the surrounding neighborhood, and found their operation to be safer than that of many companies already operating in Andover, he says.

Wright also supports the selectmen's decision in the wake of reports that many long-time residents of town now on fixed incomes can no longer afford to live here.

"Selectmen also speak for the seniors, who need some (financial) relief. My hat's off to them. I know it took courage," he says.

Health Director Everett Penney says he made no recommendation to selectmen on the permit, but raised concerns about it early in the process.

"I think selectmen have attended to issues that were raised. (Safety) to a great extent is a function of how responsible the company is with their environmental requirements," he says.

Wright says the fact that the company is employee-owned gives it a vested interest in keeping the environment clean.

Before the motion was made, Hess asked the board members if they needed any additional information about the permit. The question was followed several tense seconds of silence before Major began explaining his reasons for moving to approve the permit. Representatives of California Products Corp. were seated in the audience, but no questions were asked of them.

Larsen says he voted against issuing the permit because the public did not want it.

"I think people are sick of feeling like they are not listened to," he says.

What's next

Since the company's building would be on the border of Andover and Tewksbury, both towns must approve its plans. Tewksbury selectmen approved the permit store flammables, and the building was approved by the planning boards in both Andover and Tewksbury, and by the conservation commissions in both towns, but the Tewksbury ConsCom may reconsider its vote.

Since the company applied for a notice of project change with the Office of Environmental Affairs, the Tewksbury ConsCom may require a new hearing. It will hold a public meeting August 11 to discuss the possibility of reconsidering the decision, according to Sean Sullivan, head of planning and conservation in Tewksbury.

The meeting is not scheduled to be a public hearing, and public comment will be at the discretion of the ConsCom chairman, Sullivan says. If the board votes to reconsider, then a new public hearing will be held, he says.

California Products has yet to obtain a building permit from Andover, or a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection says Joe DeAngelis, executive vice president of California Products Corp.

Cambridge neighbors, officials praise paint company

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While many residents are opposed to allowing a paint manufacturing company to come to Andover, California Products Corp. employees aren't the only ones painting a rosy picture of their plant operations.

Fire officials who have reviewed the company's operations have given it rave reviews, as have neighbors, an environmental editor, and organizations in the paint industry.

Andover resident Michael Frishman, former director of communications for the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance for Toxic Use Reduction and former editor and board member of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association, says his organizations gave California Products an award for their pollution reduction efforts and recycling programs.

"They are a company that will do things to make us proud," Frishman says.

He adds that while some residents argue the town should be sending a message to businesses that additional toxic materials or emissions in town should be zero, that message may be better sent to companies who aren't doing as much for the environment as California Products.

California Products makes house paint, sports surfacing materials for things like tennis courts and running tracks, including the recently refurbished track at Andover High School.

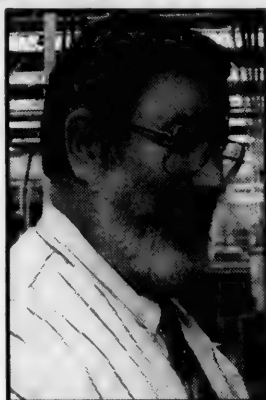


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Woodhull — a move from oil to water.

been reduced to less than 1 percent of its operation.

The company has operated in Cambridge for 72 years on Waverly Street, in the middle of a residential neighborhood. It is seeking a new site because the City of Cambridge is taking over its portion of Waverly Street, says Joe DeAngelis, executive vice president.

In the building proposed for Andover, the

Roger Woodhull, the company's vice president of operations, says the plant's research and development is geared toward creating water-based latex paints for surfaces that once required more dangerous, smelly and messy oil-based paints, which explains why over the years the amount of oil-based paint the plant manufactures has

portion of the plant that uses flammable materials in manufacturing will be secured within a fire wall of maximum available strength (four hours). The same area, fitted with special sprinklers that spew foam rather than water, will be used for storing the raw materials for that product, and the finished product, Woodhull says.

The building is designed "to isolate and contain" with areas that are recessed in floors to contain fluids should spills or fires occur, Woodhull says.

The entire periphery of the building and other areas within the building would also be within fire walls, he says, and trucks unload inside the building to prevent any spilling outside.

The company has never had a fire, DeAngelis says. After a 250-gallon spill in 1990, which was contained by the on-site control crew, the area has been cleaned up and cleared by the Department of Environmental Protection, and the company has placed double checks on the system in which the spill occurred.

Such precautions go beyond legal requirements, he says, and adding that the paint mixing process does not involve heat, but only the mixing of wet and dry ingredients, which are mostly talc, sand, and titanium dioxide, which is often toothpaste, Woodhull says.

Waste water discharge is not an issue, according to Woodhull. With the exception of sewer water from the plant's bathrooms, all the

water used in the manufacturing process ends up in paint, and none of it is sent out into the environment, Woodhull says.

Truck traffic is expected to be 16 trucks a day, less than the permit allows, coming and going within the 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. production shift. The plant operates five days a week, and the warehouse is open until 7:30 p.m., he says.

"They won't hear us, see us or smell us," he says.

Some California Products statistics, the company says, are:

- More than 90 percent of their paints and coatings are water-based, 9 percent are combustible (capable of burning) and less than 1 percent are flammable (could ignite when exposed to flame).

- The new building would devote 85 percent of its space to warehousing, storage and corporate headquarters. Fifteen percent of the space would be for manufacturing.

- The 140,000-square-foot building would include 28,000 square feet for offices and 15,000 square feet for manufacturing.

- In Cambridge the company employs 160 people, 115 of whom would come to Andover to work if the plant is built.

- DeAngelis estimates the company would bring a \$9 million increase in the tax base to the town, between 20 to 30 permanent white- and blue-collar jobs, and 25 part-time summer jobs often taken by students.

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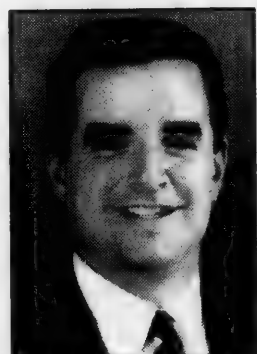
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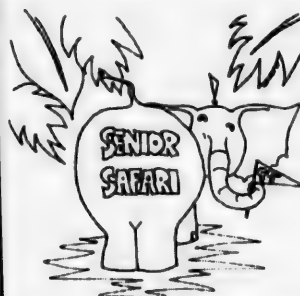


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JFK Jr.

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"She was a wonderful boarding-school mother. She called, sent cookies," Price says. But to visit, she had to arrive unannounced to avoid publicity, he says.

While Price was not young Kennedy's teacher, it was known that as a student, he excelled in drama and history, and less so in math, he says.

His interest in theater, particularly offbeat productions like theater of the absurd, was fueled by an active student named Jim Spader, who later became famous as actor James Spader, Price says.

"(Kennedy) had a streak of happy independence," Price says, which he believes led Kennedy to choose Brown University over Harvard.

"He was going to be himself," Price says.

His reputation for attracting females had not yet fully developed, Price says, partly because there weren't many opportunities for boys and girls to visit each other in rooms.

"He didn't have a whole lot of female visitors. He was a 10th-grader, after all," Price says.

But Kennedy was attracting the paparazzi.

"The really tough part was keeping people away from him," Price says. "(People from) a well-known tabloid newspaper thought it would be good to move into the Andover Inn (next to PA) and invite kids to dinner," Price says. PA officials put a stop to such activities rather quickly, he says.

During his Andover years, Kennedy also inspired a few brush-with-fame stories for local residents.

Andover resident Michael Frishman summured on Cape Cod next door to Phillips Academy teacher Sherm Drake, who tutored Kennedy in math.

After a hard day of math, Kennedy would be allowed to swim, says Frishman, who swam in the same lake.

One day, Frishman says, Drake was called to the Kennedy compound on the Cape for tutoring, since his student didn't have time to get away.

Upon receiving this message, Drake called to say he would be right over, and the Kennedys began giving him directions.

"It's all right. I know where it is," Drake said, according to Frishman.

Price recalls the day his father-in-law, the late Ty Larkin, was visiting from Wilmette, Ill. Larkin, a Republican who considered Ronald Reagan rather liberal, happened to be there when Kennedy knocked on the door and asked for a loan of \$5.

"My father-in-law died happy because the Kennedys owed him five dollars," Price says.

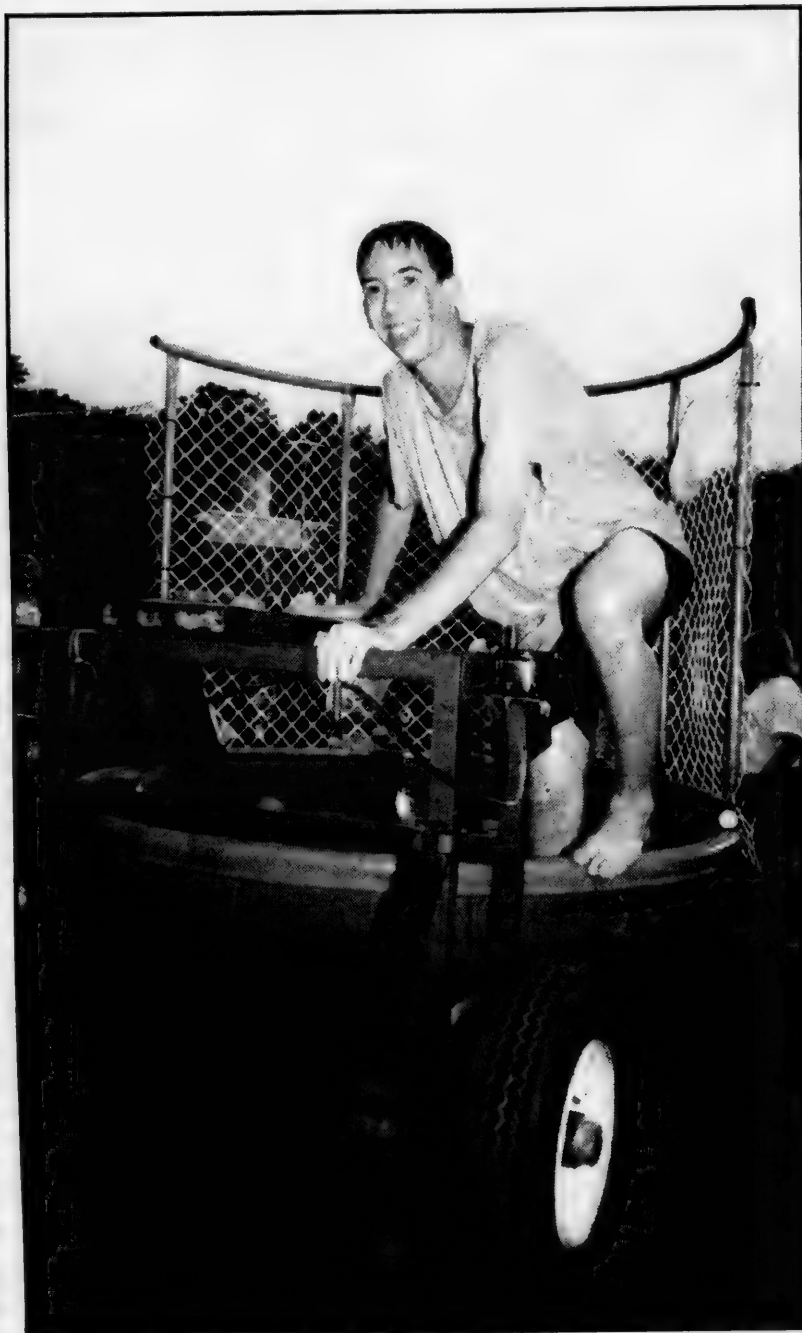
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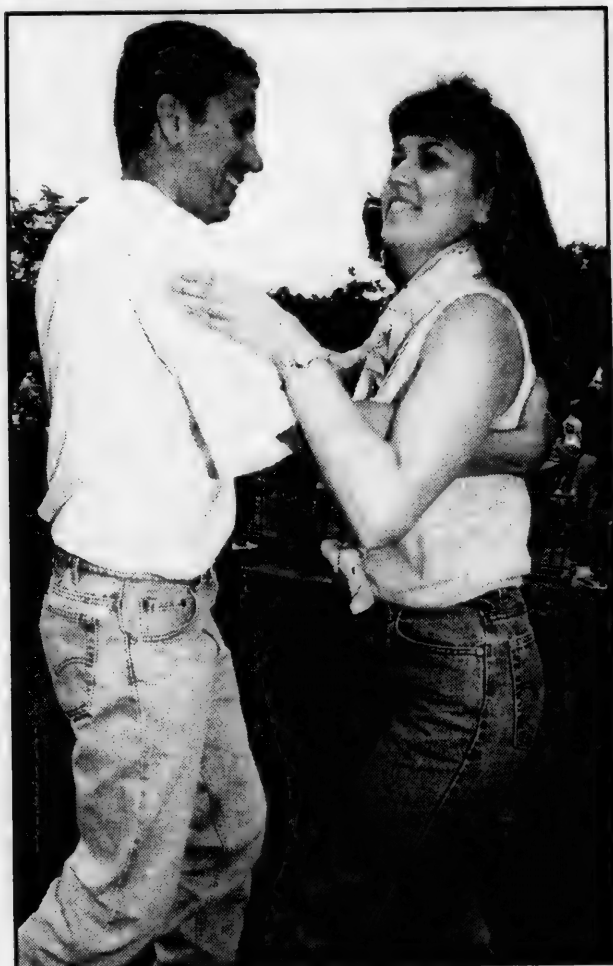
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Photos by Carol Van Doren



The daze of summer

Hot times — Summer was in full swing in Andover over the past week. At the Merrimack Valley YMCA's Dallas Night last week, starting clockwise from left:

- Brother and sister John and Jennifer Sloan dance to the music;
- Maia Schofield, 2, gets a ride on Butterscotch; and
- Good sport Alex Cronin climbs out of the dunking pool to let patrons have another go at him.

Below, from left, at the Pumps Pond Family Splash Day on Sunday:

- Lifeguard Becky Sirota adds a few finishing touches to her sand castle which, by the way, was done in shades of purple and blue; and
- Melon eaters Eden Heller, 5, and brother Jacob, 3, let the fruit of the vine cool them off even more after a swim.



POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 14 - At 10:03 p.m., Traci E. Crowle, 30, of 89 Main St., Andover was arrested at her home and charged with a domestic assault and battery after a male reported he was assaulted.

Thursday, July 15 - At 7:30 a.m., Matthew P. Fleming, 17, of 3 Rocky Hill Road, Andover, was arrested at his house and charged on warrants for assault and battery, and two counts of threatening to commit a crime.

At 7:40 a.m., Jacqueline Ramos, 25, of 8 Springfield St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street, and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle with revoked plates and without a license.

At 12:20 p.m., Josephine A. Weiner, 72, of 16 Elysian Drive, Andover, was arrested at home and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

At 2:59 p.m., Henry Vilorio-Cabrera, 38, of 55 Chippewa St., Lowell, was arrested on Lupine Road and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Friday, July 16 - At 6:19 a.m., Douglas A. Edmands, 23, of 123 Salem St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant for a motor vehicle violation.

At 7:07 a.m., Terrance P. Flynn, 33, of 18 Rose Glen Drive, Andover, was arrested at home and charged on a default warrant for a motor vehicle violation.

At 7:42 a.m., Ryan J. Flanagan, 35, of 38 Lucerne Drive, Andover, was arrested at home and charged on a warrant for a motor vehicle violation.

At 10:22 p.m., Maribel Torres, 35, of 513 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant for driving an uninsured vehicle and attaching plates.

Saturday, July 17 - At 2:13 a.m., Rashida M. Mack, 21, of 22 Keystone Way, Andover, was arrested on Central Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor.

At 10:23 a.m., Iliia M. Cintron, 42, of 205 Pratt Ave., Lowell, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 10:58 a.m., after a man at Camp Lorraine in Harold Parker State Forest reported seeing an adult male and female "beating up a 14-15-year-old female," Maryanne Boulay, 35, and Richard L. Boulay, 42, both of 11 Atlantic St., Lynn, were both arrested on Jenkins Road and charged with assault and battery. Richard Boulay

was also charged on warrants.

At 4:30 p.m., Barry W. McGregor, 45, of 421 South Main St., Andover was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving with a revoked license.

At 9:51 p.m., after she came into the station with a question about a warrant, Robin Hall, 19, of 53 Tewksbury St., Andover, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Sunday, July 18 - At 2:25 a.m., Christopher J. Shaw, 39, of 9 Harnden St., Reading, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stay in marked lanes and speeding.

Monday, July 19 - At 3:28 p.m., Kenneth Candelora, 52, of 17 Canada St., Lowell was arrested on Shattuck Road and charged on a warrant for fines due for an indecent assault and battery on a person over 14.

At 10:30 p.m., Daniel R. Borowiecki, 17, of 35 McKenney Circle, Andover, was arrested on Chestnut Street and charged with a subsequent offense of illegally possessing a Class D substance and on a warrant.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 14 - At 9:19 a.m., a caller asked an officer to check on the well-being of her one-month-old grandchild after the caller spoke with her daughter who threatened to harm the baby or leave it on a doorstep somewhere. The caller said that when she offered to pick up the baby, her daughter became more upset. Later, an officer reported the child's mother was refusing to give the baby to the grandmother. The state Department of Social Services was informed of the situation, and told a lieutenant they couldn't do anything at this time. DSS said the grandmother could go to court to gain temporary custody if she wanted to.

At 1:28 p.m., a restraining order was given to a man in Andover.

At 2:59 p.m., a Carmel Road caller reported a car parked at the end of the road with a woman and baby who were asleep. An officer reported the woman had been driving to get her child to fall asleep. She had pulled over and the child had fallen asleep, but so had she. They were both fine.

At 9:53 p.m., an Andover Street caller reported someone in his neighbors' driveway taking things out of the house. The caller believed his neighbors were away. An officer

reported the man in the driveway was the neighbor and he was taking some of his furniture to Virginia.

Thursday, July 15 - At 7:28 p.m., a restraining order was given in hand to a man in Andover.

Friday, July 16 - At 8:49 a.m., a Whittier Court caller reported a dead cat in her yard "that doesn't belong to her," according to the log. An officer picked up the cat.

At 2:13 p.m., a caller from a Haverhill business reported that he had just received a call from a North Main Street woman who was calling to confirm that repairmen from the business should be at her house. The Haverhill businesswoman told her she had no such repair order and the conversation was terminated. The Haverhill woman was concerned for the safety of the North Main Street woman. Police checked on the address, and the North Main Street woman said two men had left in a black van.

At 5:50 p.m., a man asked an officer "to check the area for an expired raccoon... to listen for the barking dog and the noise coming from a band," according to the log.

Saturday, July 17 - At 2:32 p.m., a Lowell man reported being assaulted by someone at a Dundee Park business that morning.

At 9:07 p.m., an Andover woman reported her 16-year-old daughter missing since the previous evening.

Sunday, July 18 - At 5:38 a.m., an Andover woman reported that a man had just assaulted her and got in a yellow cab heading to Lawrence.

Monday, July 19 - At 8:33 p.m., an officer requested a cruiser at Town Offices. The request was later dismissed. The officer had been concerned about a verbal confrontation during the selectmen's meeting.

Tuesday, July 20 - At 7:31 a.m., a restraining order was served in hand to a man in Andover.

BREAKS

Sunday, July 18 - At 7:5 p.m., a Magnolia Avenue man came home from vacation to find someone had broken into his home. The entry was gained through a rear door, where a window had been broken.

Monday, July 19 - At 6:56 p.m., a River Road man reported his house was broken into some time after 6 a.m. An officer was sent for prints.

THEFTS

Friday, July 16 - At 12:38 p.m., a detective was to file on the use of a bad check at a Bartlet Street liquor store.

Sunday, July 18 - At 2:38 p.m., a Post Office

Avenue man reported someone had entered his apartment and now all his heart medication was missing. An officer located the man who had been in the apartment, and the man allowed police to search his apartment for the medication, but none was found.

Monday, July 19 - At 10:05 a.m., an Old River Road female came into the station to report a blanket, some shoes and other personal items had been stolen while she was at an Andover hotel.

At 4:34 p.m., a Wedgewood Drive resident reported someone was using his name and other information to fraudulently obtain credit cards.

Tuesday, July 20 - At 12:13 p.m., a Phillips Academy employee requested an officer regarding the theft of \$100 from the student activity center. Phillips had some suspects in mind and an officer was to interrogate the kids at the station.

At 7:10 p.m., an officer was to file on a lost or stolen cellular phone from Lowell Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, July 17 - At 12:16 a.m., a license plate was lost or stolen from Langley Lane.

Sunday, July 18 - At 12:32 p.m., a man at the Tage Inn reported a Florida license plate had been stolen three days earlier.

At 9:23 p.m., a vehicle that had been stolen out of Andover was recovered in Salem, N.H. with damage to the ignition.

Monday, July 19 - At 9:32 p.m., an Andover Street caller reported his Dodge Neon broken into early that morning.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 14 - At 6:06 p.m., a woman reported a hit-and-run on her vehicle near Shaw-shen Square.

Thursday, July 15 - At 1:43 p.m., there was a report of an injury caused when a car hit a telephone pole on Argilla Road near the intersection with Lowell Street.

At 3:10 p.m., an officer was filing on a hit-and-run accident on Salem Street.

Friday, July 16 - At 7:24 p.m., an accident with injury was reported on Lowell Street.

Monday, July 19 - At 12:54 p.m., an accident with injury was reported on Haverhill Street.

Tuesday, July 20 - At 11:29 a.m., an accident with injuries to one female was reported on South Main Street. A citation was issued for failure to use care while stopping.

At 6:43 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at the intersection of Interstate 93 and Route 133.

All-Star ...

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es translated well on television, Paicopolos says viewers missed one special moment.

"It was the moment the All-Century players started appearing from behind a curtain in center field," he says.

"Without announcement you saw these guys walk out. Without really realizing why, you kind of knew that you knew them. All of a sudden, you realized, Hey, that's Willie Mays! That's Hank Aaron!" he says.

"The only other highlight was seeing (former Red Sox, now Yankees pitcher Roger) Clemens booted," says Paicopolos. "To see him with a Yankees cap... He either should not have worn a cap or worn a Red Sox cap. I'm still stung by the whole Clemens thing."

Behind the plate

As the Red Sox VP of sales and marketing, Pole Hill Drive's Larry Cancro was a man wearing many hats of his own this past month.

But perhaps the best hat he owns is the thinking cap he used at the 1998 All-Star Game in Denver.

Cancro is the guy who originally pitched the idea of gathering the century's greatest living players in Fenway for the 1999 game.

Baseball and sponsor Mastercard ran with the idea, creating the concept of an All-Century Team that fans can vote for. But seeing several dozen of baseball's greatest players gathered in one of its

oldest parks was satisfying for Cancro.

"I've seen this project through from the beginning and it was great to see it through to fruition," he says. "Everyone in the house had a lifetime memory that was unfolding. Clearly, when you show Killebrew and Bob Gibson and Fisk — the creme de la creme — you had to remember games from your past."

After 22 years in the business, Cancro admits there are times when "you kind of forget" about the people and events around you, but there were several times last week when he stopped and smelled the pine tar.

One such time was at a special All-Star luncheon for the players and the press.

"I was racing around and I felt obligated to go, and all of a sudden I looked around and realized every childhood hero I've ever had was in the room," he says. "I was sitting between Rickey Henderson and Lou Brock. Willie Mays leans on my shoulder to talk with Brock, and I think, Does it get any better than this?"

Cancro also says he got a kick out of seeing his 12-year-old daughter, Laura Marie, serve as a volunteer at Fan Fest.

One final, lasting image was sitting in a rooftop suite in left field during the home run hitting contest, he says. Cancro could follow the flight of the balls as they screamed over the screen in left and into the eager crowd of thousands on the street below. A cheer went up each time a homer dropped into someone's clutches.

"As bizarre as it sounds, it's one of my lifetime memories from the week," he says. "Seeing all these people celebrating the All-Star Game without a ticket was fun."

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Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts

Neil Fater



A moving argument?

Getting 87 percent of people to agree on anything can be pretty difficult, unless they're listening to shock radio or are pledging a fraternity.

Yet 87 percent of the people who responded to the *Townsmen's* online query about whether they'd frequent a movie theater in town said they would.

Now, I know, only 47 people responded.

I also know that doesn't even represent 1 percent of Andover.

But don't you get the feeling a small theater showing some arty, independent and/or second-run blockbusters would work here?

Wouldn't hundreds of Andover residents welcome the opportunity to see the worthwhile, but tiny flicks that multiplexes typically ignore here, rather than having to travel to Cambridge or Beverly?

And what about all those middle-school kids who hang out downtown during the summer or when Doherty Middle gets out during the school year?

Don't you think they'd prefer to walk, pedal or skate to a theater in town rather than have mommy or daddy drive them to the theater in Lawrence? I mean, with their friends watching and all?

Results online

Last week we asked people the following question:

Would you support a small movie theater in town?

As of deadline Wednesday, July 21

41 people said YES, they'd support it.

6 people said NO, they wouldn't attend a theater enough to make it profitable.

Now, it's true that the old Andover Playhouse must have closed decades ago for a reason.

But times have changed.

Andover is a growing town with a growing desire for more entertainment.

We have a chamber music series in town now, a plethora of youth services programs, and a summer series of activities for adults.

When the Andover Playhouse began showing movies on Sunday in 1933, it was shocking to some. Phillips kids weren't allowed inside.

At one point, Andover movie theaters even gave out pigs as door prizes to attract audiences. Today, people consider the movie itself to be the prize.

Obviously, some think having a theater in town would be a prize too.

Water supply once supplied much more

By Neil Fater

When the heat gets to be too much, Andover residents turn on their faucets and drink water straight from the treatment plant at Haggetts Pond.

But there once was a time when Haggetts helped people beat the heat in other ways.

Residents can learn more about that time - the late 1800s - Wednesday, July 28, when the Andover Historical Society sponsors a walk around Haggetts Pond, the town's current water supply and one-time vacation resort.

Although boating, fishing and swimming are no longer allowed at Haggetts Pond, before the turn of the last century these activities were actually encouraged.

Barbara Thibault says that during the late 1800s, Haggetts Pond was a diminutive destination spot for some Bostonians.

Thibault, the Historical Society's executive director, will lead Wednesday's walk around the pond. The walk will be part historical lesson and part nature walk, because the area is home to birds, beavers and wildflowers.

Those interested in walking should meet Thibault at the town gate on Haggetts Pond Road, just off of Lowell Street. Thibault says it will be an easy walk along the former Andover-Lowell Railroad bed and down a former carriage drive to



Photo courtesy of Andover Historical Society

Child's play - Bailey's Grove on Haggetts Pond was once a vacation spot for city dwellers, says Andover Historical Society Executive Director Barbara Thibault, who will host a nature and historical education walk around the pond next Wednesday, July 28.

Lakeview Lodge.

This tiny lodge was once home to a small number of vacationers, says Thibault.

"It was an inn. People would come out from the hot, old city and recreate and relax in Andover at Haggetts Pond. They'd boat and fish and all that nice stuff," she says. "There were also a number of camps around the pond, mostly on the

Lowell Street side because you could get there easily."

After passing Lakeview Lodge, Wednesday's walkers will travel wooded paths to a place called Point Comfort.

Point Comfort was on the opposite side of Haggetts Pond from where the water treatment plant is today, says Thibault.

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Colorful water worlds brighten offices

By Neil Fater

The town manager's office has a cheery feel this summer, and it's not just because the weather has put everyone in a good mood.

It's because the wall paintings are doing that.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and his secretary, Sandy Cassano, say the mornings are a bit brighter at work thanks to their walls' brightly colored oil paintings by Andover Historical Society curator Tom Edmonds.

The manager's office frequently displays local artists' work, and Edmonds' wistful paintings are gracing the office wall this July and August. A number of beach scenes by Edmonds enlivened the town manager's office last summer as well.

"After last summer, we



Oil and water - Tom Edmonds' oil paintings feature water views, and, in this case, a dog.

enjoyed it so much we wanted to make sure we had (Edmonds' works) again," says Cassano. "They're very uplifting for the summer. We've had a lot of good comments."

This year's batch of paintings are abstract water views of places such as Boston Harbor and New York City, where Edmonds used to live, he says.

"A lot of them are done from memory," says Edmonds. "They're not actual skylines, they're more memories of skylines. You wouldn't be able to find the Chrysler Building or the Prudential."

Edmonds, the Andover Historical Society's curator, uses a variety of crayon-like colors to make his paintings come alive. After he finishes sketching his

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Edmonds, an artist in residence

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image, he spends about seven hours on each painting, he says.

"He does exiting, vibrant, electric scenes that are perfect in this office during the summer," says Stapczynski, whose favorite painting is one that reminds him of Gloucester harbor.

Edmonds says he's sold all the beach scenes he did for the town manager's office last year, and is now moving away from water works.

"I'm working on paintings based on teenage celebrities. They're more like pop-art than representational works," he says.

"I go in phases. I pick a subject, I guess, and then I ride it like a horse," says Edmonds.

The eight paintings in town offices are all oil on canvas and will be on display through Labor Day.

Each painting is 38 inches high and 34 inches across, and can be purchased for \$650.

For more information, call the town manager's office at 623-8200.



Earlier times - Tom Edmonds and Buzz Stapczynski admire a famous work.

Haggetts history hike

(TAKE A HIKE, continued from page 21)

"It sticks out into the pond. It's still there. People still fish from it, even though it's illegal," she says.

Walkers also will learn about other areas along the way. For instance, they'll find out about an area called Bailey's Grove (pictured on page 21).

Also known as Shady Side Grove, the sandy spot was a popular area for swimming, and served as a beach during the latter half of the 19th century, says Thibault.

The Historical Society recommends people joining Thibault on the July 28 walk

"wear long pants, comfortable shoes and lots of bug spray."

Thibault says the walk will be held rain or shine, so umbrellas should be brought if the weather doesn't fully cooperate.

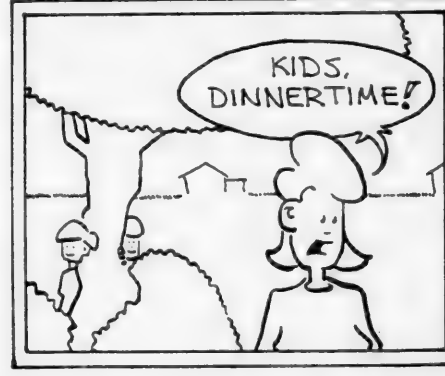
Those planning to attend can park across from the town gate, or on nearby side streets, according to the society.

Donations to the Andover Historical Society, Andover's historical museum and research center, are \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members.

For more information regarding the walk, call the society at (978) 475-2236.

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Methuen Memorial Music Hall doors open at 7:30 p.m. for each of the recitals, which begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are sold at the door on the nights of the performances on a first-come, first-served basis at \$6 for adults and \$1 for children under age 12.

The recitals last approximately an hour and a half, including a 15-minute intermission.

Informal attire is appropriate, and off-street parking is provided. Methuen Memorial Music Hall is located at 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen.

Its events line is (978) 685-0693. The music hall can also be visited on the web at <http://www.mmmh.org>.

Scheduled performance dates and themes are listed below:

• **Aug. 4 - Ann Labounsky**, of Pittsburgh, *improvising and playing music by Couperin, Langlais, Jenkins and Bach*.

• **Aug. 11 - Bruce Neswick**, of Washington, *playing the music of Bach, Messaien, Franck and Vienne*.

• **Aug. 18 - Lorenz Maycher**, of New York, *playing the music of Bach, Lemmens, Titcomb, Bossi, Dupre, Sowerby and Chadwick*.

• **Aug. 25 - David Fuller**, of Buffalo, *playing the music of Franck, Dupre, Petralli, Stehle and Smith*.

• **September 1 - Nigel Potts**, of London, *playing the music of Durufle, Willan, Bach, Mendelssohn, Sibleius, Reger and Spicer*.

She knows Jack

Storyteller Alicia Quintano will perform stories and songs especially for children ages 5 and older at Memorial Hall Library on Wednesday, July 28, at 2 p.m.

"Jack and the Varmints & Other Tales & Tunes to Tickle the Funny Bone" will include exciting and humorous tales from Ireland, Japan and Africa.

The Gloucester resident's performance style encourages active participation in both listening and telling, say organizers.

Quintano has previously delighted many young audiences at the Children's Room. Her storytelling experience also includes appearances at The Three Apples Storytelling Festival, Gloucester Stage Company, First Night Boston and Harvard University. Free tickets may be picked up in the library's Children's Room.

Act up

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, July 22

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Jim McCue, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Concert, sponsored by Trustees of Reservations, featuring Orville Giddings Band, 7-8:30 p.m., \$8 per car, Grand Allee, Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; Jennifer Kyte (978) 412-2564.

Circus Smirkus, sponsored by Theater in the Open, circus under one-ring big top, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., \$12, \$10 children 12 and under and seniors, Maudslay State Park, 1 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport; (978) 465-2572.

Slide talk, "Calcutta to Khyber: Travels on the Grand Trunk Road," 7:30 p.m., \$7, \$5 members, Peabody Essex Museum, corner of Essex and Liberty streets, Salem, Mass.; (978) 745-9500, Ext. 3011.

Godspell, presented by Merrimack Valley Players, 7:30 p.m., \$10, \$5 seniors, children under 12, Salem High School, 66 Germonty Drive, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6226.

FRIDAY, July 23

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring Jim Dunn, Tom Gilmore, Pat Napoli, 9 p.m., *see Friday, July 16 entry*.

Parachute Express, 9:30 a.m., and noon, \$7.50, \$6.75 NSMT members, North Shore Music Theater, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; (978) 232-7200.

Lowell Folk Festival, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, music and dance, craft demonstrations, street parades, ethnic food, featuring The Angels Shout Band, Fontella Bass, W.C. Clark, J.P.

Cormier, Ivan Cuesta y sus Baltimore Vallenatos, Ronnie Dawson, Flint Nation Singers, Sean Keane, Brian Marshall & His Tex-Slavik Playboys, Nego Gato Afro-Brazilian Ensemble, Shahla Nikfal and Bahram Sadeghian, Raymond Street Klezmer Band, Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, Ramudi Sopera and Party, IIRD Tye Out, Yuri Yunakov Ensemble, 5:30-10:30 p.m.; (978) 970-5000.

Godspell, *see Thursday, July 22 entry*.

SATURDAY, July 24

Lowell Folk Festival, noon-10:30 p.m., *see entry under Friday, July 23*.

Lowell Folk Festival at American Textile History Museum, Irish folk musicians and dancers, lace-making demonstration, live sheep and spin-



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ning demonstration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-044.

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring Jim Dunn, Tom Gilmore, Pat Napoli, 8 and 10:30 p.m., *see entry under Friday, July 16*.

Genealogy workshop, sponsored by Peabody Essex Museum, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35, \$25 members, Phillips Library Auditorium, corner of Essex and Liberty streets, Salem, Mass.; (978) 745-1876.

SUNDAY, July 25

The art of Feng Shui, sponsored by Peabody Essex Museum, 3 p.m., \$8.50, \$6 members, Peabody Essex Museum, corner of Essex and Liberty streets, Salem, Mass.; (978) 745-1876.

Lowell Folk Festival, noon-7 p.m., *see entry under Friday, July 23*.

Lowell Folk Festival at American Textile History Museum, *see entry under Saturday, July 24*.

MONDAY, July 26

No listings.

TUESDAY, July 27

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring the vocalist Lisa Thorson and the Mark Shilansky Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, wheelchair accessible, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Teddy bear picnic, sponsored by Department of Community Services, for children ages 1-6, featuring Bill Shontz, children's singer and entertainer, bring blanket and lunch, preregister, 10 a.m., \$7, The Park, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets; DCS 623-8274.

WEDNESDAY, July 28

Organ recital, sponsored by Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Donald Dame performing Buck, Fletcher, Bach, Dupre, 8 p.m., \$6 adults, \$1 children, 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen; MMMH events line 685-0693.

Concert, sponsored by Department of Community Services, featuring Mary Karl Orchestra, 6 p.m., the Park bandstand, Bartlet and Chestnut streets; DCS 623-8274.

Meeting, Learning in Retirement Association, for retirees and semiretired, featuring visit to Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, 9:15 a.m., UMass Lowell North Campus, Fox Hall park-

ing lot; (978) 934-3135.

The "Write" Stuff, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, a one-hour writing workshop for children ages 8-12, 11 a.m., register before July 23, Children's Room, Elm Square, 623-8400.

Haggetts Pond historic walk, 6 p.m., meet in front of the town gate on Haggetts Pond Road, \$2 members, \$5 nonmembers; 475-2236.

Storytelling, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and featuring storyteller and singer Alicia Quintano, for children ages 5-9, 2 p.m., library's Children's Room, Elm Square; 623-8400.



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THURSDAY, July 29

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Tony V., *see entry under Thursday, July 22*.

Concert, featuring the Ipswich Community Band & Jazz Band, *see entry under Thursday, July 22*.

Teddy Bear Jamboree, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, for preschool and elementary school children, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Voices of the Millennium, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College, a talk by clinical social worker, 2 p.m., Bentley Library Conference Area, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Mary Jane Gillespie (978) 738-7415.

FRIDAY, July 30

Opening reception, sponsored by Essex Art Center, exhibit by photographers Marc Friedman, Patrick Lord, Murton Sudalter, 5-7 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-23434.

Lowell Summer Music Festival, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, featuring Lowell Summer Concert Band, 8 p.m., \$5, Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Comedy Escape, featuring Steve Sweeney, Katie Grady, Troy Diamond, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12 cover charge, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover.

SATURDAY, July 31

Mr. Bear & Company, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, presented by Ha'Penny Theatre for preschool and elementary school children, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Lowell Summer Music Festival, featuring Bill Kirchen and his band Too Much Fun, country music, *see entry under Friday, July 30*.

Comedy Escape, *see entry under Friday, July 30*.

SUNDAY, Aug. 1

Family fun day, sponsored by Department of Community Services, regatta and concert featuring R.G. Gallagher Band, 1:30 p.m., Poms Pond, off Abbot Street; 623-8274.

Hawaiian luau, a singles dance sponsored by Sunday Singles, free buffet, door prizes, no jeans, sneaker, t-shirts, \$5, Andover Marriott, River Road; Richard (978) 623-7249.

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ONGOING Summer

Pomps Pond, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. through Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 8-29, season pass for Andover residents \$25 per car or daily fee of \$5 per person, concession stand hours through Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Aug. 8-29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., locker rentals 50 cents per day, \$1 deposit, sailboats \$10 per hour, must be certified, canoes and kayaks, \$4 per hour, limit three per canoe, swimming test required, Abbot Street.

Summer Shack, sponsored by Andover Youth Services, for middle school students, basketball, frisbee, wiffle ball, volleyball, matball, meatball, hot dog eating contests, twister, card games, bingo, videos, ping pong, through Aug. 12, 7-9 p.m., West Middle School Gym, Shawsheen Road; AYS 623-8241.

Acting classes, sponsored by Actors Studio of North Reading, one-week sessions, 246 Main St., Suite 8, North Reading; Susan (978) 664-1245.

Nature walks, sponsored by Harold Parker State Forest, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., meet at Park Headquarters; Barbara Buls, 686-3391.

Touch tank tour, ages 4-8, 2-3 p.m., Wednesdays, through Aug. 28, \$3 adults, \$2 children, Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8681.

Children's Corner performances, for preschool and elementary school children featuring music, puppets, storytelling, magic, Thursday and Saturday 11 a.m.-noon, Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

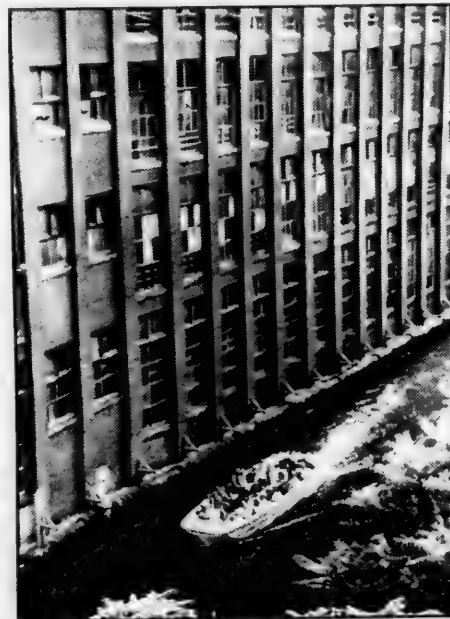
North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, Thursdays, May-October, first and third Sunday of the month, 2-4 p.m., July and August, call for reservations, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *And So to Sleep*, coverlets from the Hawthorne collection, through Aug. 1, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, students, includes general museum admission, free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, *The Working City at Play*, exhibit recalling the pastimes and leisure activities of Lowell residents from the 19th century until today, through November, 400 Foot of John Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Crane Estate Great House guided tours, through Oct. 7, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., trustee members free, \$7 adults, \$5 children and seniors, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

Canal tours, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.



Touring company - Take a tour of the Lowell canals.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, trolley rides, Pawtucket Canal Tour; Working

People Exhibit at Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center; Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open daily, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 youth 6-16 and students, senior discount, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

New England Quilt Museum, *Endangered Species*, through Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Blanket Statements: A Brief History of Native American Trade*, through July, Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m., 175 Main St.; 749-4490.

Peabody Essex Museum, *The Real Witchcraft Papers, Going Places in Asia, A Folk Art Sampler, Order & Elegance: Masterpieces of Federal Furniture from Coastal Massachusetts, Ancient New Englanders: Bullbrook*, all ongoing, *Mystical Arts of Tibet*, through Oct. 17, *Timeless Visions: Contemporary Art of India*, through Oct. 31, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m., \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and children ages

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(Deadline for GAME #4 Entries is next Wednesday, July 28th)

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5-17, members free, operated by Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; Cynthia Novotny (978) 462-8681.

Cushing House Museum, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Salem 1630, Pioneer Village, a recreation of the first English settlement in Salem, Mass., through November, \$5 adults, \$3 children, Forest River Park, Salem, Mass.; (978) 744-0991.

Wenham Museum, *Second Star to the Right*, tracing America's fascination with space, through Sept. 19, *BARBIE: A 40th Anniversary Retrospective*, through Sept. 7, *Far Out, Man!: Clothes of the '60s and '70s*, through Oct. 31. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, handicap accessible, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Peter Sebaer: American Pictures*, through July 31, *Sculpture in Context*, through July 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Main Street, Phillips Academy campus; BJ Larson 749-4027.

Bishop's Restaurant, fine art paintings by Andover Artists Guild artists, through July, Hampshire Street, Lawrence; Jim Cassidy 688-0633.

Essex Art Center, *Three Photographers*, Marc Friedman, Patrick Lord, Murton Sudalter, through July 30-Aug. 27, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Arthur J. McCabe & Associates Law Offices, *Lithographs and Serigraphs of Japanese Artist Eizin Suzuki*, ninth floor, 300 Brickstone Square; (978) 388-5920.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, *The Beauty of Place*, rural and urban photography ranging from Ireland to Hawaii, through Sept. 5, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$3, \$2 seniors, students free, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; (781) 729-1158.

Glory, artwork by Julie Kramer, Victor Cali, Katharine Tristano, Adam Larson, through Aug. 31, 19 Essex St.; Victor (781) 224-4236.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Brush Art Gallery, annual resident artists exhibition, through Sept. 5, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

Rye Gallery, contemporary photography by New England artists, through July 24, Wednesday-Friday, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 243 Central Road, Rye, N.H.; (603) 964-7861.

Saltbox Gallery, work by artists Nancy Begin and Agnes Carbone, through Aug. 3, 49 Main St., Topsfield; (978) 887-2450.

Theatre

A Chorus Line, through Aug. 1, featuring Diana Zipeto of North Andover, formerly of Andover, Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show, Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. show-only \$10.50-\$12.50, dinner-show, \$21-\$30, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

Le Grande David and his own Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays, through Aug. 1, \$15 adults, \$10 children 11 years old and younger, Cabot Street Cinema Theatre/Larcom Theatre, Beverly; box office (978) 927-3677.

The Miser, July 22-Aug. 15, 4 p.m., free July 24, \$5 other days, Theater in the Open, Maudslay State Park, 1 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport; (978) 465-2572.

TOWNSMAN TEASER SOLUTION



Illustration by Don Mathias

Q: The South Andover native always wanted to be married in this.

A: HER "VALE."

About the teaser: All answers are Andover-related and contain a pun. New teaser next week.

Meetings/Activities (partial listing)

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts welcome to join, auditions not required, rehearsals on Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Christy Puntoni 470-8747.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

Bicycle rides, beginning May 18, meet at Andover Cycle/The Cycle Stop, 26 Chestnut St.; 749-3191.

Kenoza TOPS, for people interested in losing weight, Thursday meetings, 6-6:30 p.m., \$1 weekly dues, Haverhill Alliance Church; Shirley (978) 373-1825, Charlene (978) 346-4018 or Carol (603) 382-6146.

Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), an organization for retirees and semiretired, meets every Monday during spring semester for seminars in world religions and world politics of the future, every Tuesday for seminars in art appreciation and every Thursday for seminars in foreign policy and science and technology, UMass-Lowell, Fox Hall, North Campus; (978) 3135.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 623-8321.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Linda Ianelli 686-2263, or Linda Latta 975-8767.

North Shore Chorus rehearsals, women over 18 who enjoy singing and performing, can "carry a tune," have good sense of humor, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Country-western dancing, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, couples and line-dance lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; (978) 658-4022 or 658-3480.

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

The Merrimacks 978 Toastmasters Club public-speaking skills meetings, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover, 7-9 p.m.; Pat Meredith 681-8014.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, meets every Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., visitors welcome, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month; Lee Oullette 458-6183, or Jane McCord 942-1349.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 465-2215.

Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Reading; (978) 851-7764.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori (978) 794-1973.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers playspace for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year; 470-1500.

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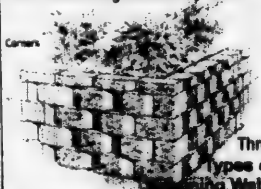
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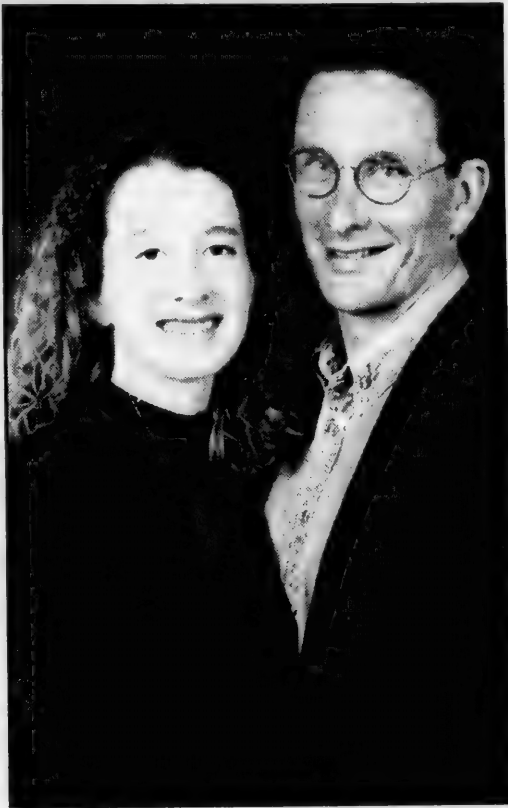
Murphy-Doyle

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Murphy Jr. of Trumbull, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Jean, to W. Gerard Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Doyle of Westwind Road.

Ms. Murphy, a graduate of St. Joseph High School and the College of the Holy Cross, received an MBA degree from Babson College. She is a senior analyst at International Data Corporation in Framingham.

Mr. Doyle, a graduate of Andover High School and U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., was an aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps. He received an MBA degree from Babson College and is employed by NewPromise, in Cambridge.

The couple plan a July wedding.



Cynthia Jean Murphy and
W. Gerard Doyle

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

Benjamin C. Lovejoy has been granted a position of \$6 a month.

A number of Andover people went to Provincetown and back Sunday for a sail.

The Andover ball nine was defeated last Saturday afternoon on the Punchard grounds by the Riversides, of Lawrence. The score was 6 to 3.

The N.E. Telephone Company is erecting poles upon Haverhill Street to the North Andover line for their trunk line to Lawrence and Haverhill.

Walter J. Morse has been appointed collector of the local Loyal Protective Association of Odd Fellows in place of his brother, W. Byron Morse, and all payments should be made to him.

John Frazer, of the firm of Frazer & Murphy, intends to remove to New Glasgow, Nova Scotia within a week or two. While his many friends will be sorry to have him leave Andover, they will be glad to learn that he has something better to view in New Glasgow, where his wife's parents now reside.

An Italian, who got into an altercation with another of his race at an Italian picnic from the North end, Boston, at Shawsheen Grove Ballardvale, last Monday evening was struck in the head with a club and received a slight scalp wound. The wound took a couple of stitches with the Italian howling lustily meanwhile. He was later sent back to Boston a sadder, if not a wiser,

man.

According to the *Boston Sunday Globe* and last Monday evening's *Boston Herald*, two clerks in a local bicycle store have both had more or less experience with the "kissing bug," not withstanding that the truth of the articles is denied by each, one laying the blame for the article referring to him on the other. It seems quite evident that the Boston papers will publish anything just at present with the words "kissing bug" in it. The clerks before mentioned should call it off now, as each has one on the other.

50 Years Ago

Several treats are in store for the lucky youngsters who are taking part in the playground activities this season. One of the big days is coming Tuesday, July 26, when all the young lads and lassies will pile into buses for the annual outing at Canobie Lake park.

The number of persons upon whom the Board of Assessors has levied taxes this year has jumped to 3,405, a gain of 135 over the 3,280 who were assessed in 1948.

A terrific thunder storm that broke just before 6 p.m. Wednesday, caused some damage to homes, trees and wires, but brought quick relief from the oppressive heat. Accompanied by a strong wind and a heavy downpour

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Tips for beating the heat

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross released important tips to stay cool during a heat wave. "Exposure to extreme heat may make a person seriously ill," said John Licciardi, Red Cross public relations director. "Heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke are conditions by overexposure to heat and signals of heat emergencies," said Licciardi.

If a heat wave is predicted or happening:

- Slow down, avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, usually in the morning.

- Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of the sunshine. Electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help sweat evaporate, which cools your body.

- Wear lightweight, light coloring clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy.

- Drink plenty of water regularly and often. Your body needs water to keep cool.

Tips and treatment of heat emergencies:

- Heat Cramps: Get the person to a

cooler place and have him or her rest in a comfortable position. Lightly stretch the affected muscle and replenish fluids. Give a half-glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not give liquids with alcohol or caffeine in them, as they can make conditions worse.

- Heat Exhaustion: Get the person out of the heat and into a cooler place. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets. If person is conscious, give cool water to drink, make sure the person drinks slow, every 15 minutes.

- Heat Stroke: Heatstroke is a life-threatening situation. Help is needed fast. Call 911 or your local emergency number. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body in a cool bath, or wrap wet sheets around the body and fan it. Watch for signals of breathing problems. Keep the person lying down, keep body cool.

If the victim refuses water, is vomiting, or there are changes in the level of consciousness, do not give anything to eat or drink.

For more information about heat emergencies, call the Merrimack Valley Red Cross at (978) 372-6871 or (978) 458-6385.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

SUMMER SUPPER CLUB

The summer supper club will be held Wednesday, July 28, at Danversport Yacht Club. The cost of \$22 includes dinner, gratuity and bus transportation from the center. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Menu choices is posted at the center.

ADVANCED INTERNET TRAINING

Two advance Internet classes for those who completed the beginners Internet course will be held Thursdays, July 22 and 29, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$25. Preregistration is required.

A MICROSOFT SPREADSHEET CLASS

A Microsoft spreadsheet class will meet July 26 and 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$15. Students must have completed a beginners' computer class to be eligible. Preregistration is required.

MOVIE MATINEE

Patch Adams M.D. will be shown Monday, July 28, at 1 p.m. Robin Williams stars as a funny physician in this comedy smash based on a true story. There's no charge and reservations are not required. Andover Video supplied the movies. Refreshments will be served after the movie.

JOHN SINGER SARGENT EXHIBIT

Reservations are being taken for an Aug. 25 trip to the Museum of Fine Arts to view the John Singer Sargent exhibit. Cost is \$22 and payment will be accepted at time of reservation.

CHICKEN SUPPER AND YANKEE STRUMMERS CONCERT

A chicken supper will be followed by the banjo music of the Yankee Strummers Wednesday, Aug. 11. Tickets cost \$5 and will be sold on an advance purchase basis only.

HEARING SCREENING

Briana Kelley and Dona McGovern, licensed audiologists from Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network, will conduct a hearing screening Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no charge. Call the center for an appointment.

SENIOR \$1,000 CLUB

The \$1,000 club winners for the month of June are: Canavan family, Daniel Cote, Evelyn Cronin and Leslie Whitley, \$50; Sharon Coon, \$100; Ronald Demers, \$1,000. Agent award-winners were Edna Powell and Shirley Rosenberg.

LETTERS

Don't live your life through the famous

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The news again is heard that a beloved, popular person has become a victim of an accident. An accident perhaps caused by the longing to avoid the clamoring of people, the questions of the media, and the throngs of the interested who do not want to leave popular folk alone.

Associating the latest news that beloved John Kennedy Jr. is missing in his airplane with the fatal accident of Princess Diana, I wonder. Both were stars of their worlds. Diana was so loved by her people, John loved more and more by his. Both would be described as "jewels of popularity."

I wonder what is happening to the world, in this era of high technology assistance when little things can be made so much better for us, that common sense appears forgotten when the popular try so hard to keep anonymity — that these "jewels" take risks that other folks simply would not dare.

A recent article declared that the driver of Princess Diana's automobile was intoxicated while driving her vehicle

through that Paris tunnel.

What I read horrified me, because people who are in their everyday worlds would not think of entering a car with a person who is drunk to escape from meddling others.

Imagine all the security given people such as Lady Diana and John F. Kennedy throughout their lives. Why oh why are the famous in such a rush? They lose sight of common sense, and they "risk?"

My feeling is that they would try anything to become anonymous again. It pains me still to think of this beautiful young woman dying at the hands of a person who was intoxicated. And now this horrible Kennedy news.

With the aircraft missing that was piloted by John F. Kennedy Jr. Friday night and carrying his wife, her sister, and John to Martha's Vineyard, no one has sight of the passengers, and all fear the worst.

What is going through my mind at this time is the flight itself, made in the darkness, usually a difficult time to fly over ocean and air filled sometimes with murk and fog in the area of the Islands off the coast, even for an accomplished pilot. But, because of the plight of the famous to avoid fanfare at all

cost, perhaps these passengers chose this time of day to escape the ever-present paparazzi and avoid another clamoring in the once quiet island of Martha's Vineyard.

Why oh why, in this time of many triumphs with high technology, with more intelligence in finances more broadly known, with many obstacles less of a plight and lots out there to live for and be grasped and life so much better for all of us, are basic instincts of safety and street smarts forgotten?

This all makes me so sad because of the caliber of people we lose to these kinds of accidents. In a rush to escape public intrusion, simple things are forgotten, like safety.

The rigors of popularity can simply be "a pain in the neck" when the need to obtain personal time to yourself is yearned. Anonymity is marvelous. You may come and go as you choose, you may still walk down a road without recognition and being afraid of harm.

So, for those who live their lives through the rich and the famous, this is to cue you into the fact that you are lucky to have your own lives, to have anonymity to come and to go as you wish, always. Make the most of it! Live your own life and not through the famous who are striving to escape their plaguing popularity and the throngs of people who want to adore them.

The "average folk" most often take their safety precautions seriously, but with the need so strong to escape throngs of onlookers for the privileged, I am not so sure any more if the famous think about them.

Sue Finn
18 Downing St.

Selectman's decision was an educated one

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On Monday evening, the Board of Selectman made a very tough decision, to approve

California Products flammable storage license. As a selectman, I am very disturbed by the actions and tone of many of the citizens who attended that meeting.

We are a community full of intelligent, caring and civilized individuals who should be able to work together and, at the very least, conduct a civilized meeting — one in which all parties are allowed to participate.

The Board of Selectman has spent countless hours researching and reviewing this license and holding public hearings. Additional efforts included touring the current facility, speaking with other communities regarding flammable storage, investigating California Products' reputation and environmental concerns.

Although I cannot speak for other members of the Board, my decision, admittedly not an easy one, is an educated one. It is a decision that takes into consideration the interests of the entire town.

Our town is one that other communities look to as a model. We have built strong relationships with members of the business, commercial, industrial and residential communities. Andover decided, long before today, to encourage growth in each of these areas. Our Chamber of Commerce has grown beyond anyone's expectations, and with their help, we are supported by businesses, large and small, who choose to support our community.

We are also extremely lucky to have excellent managers in each of our departments. We expect the very best and settle for no less. I trust the decisions and recommendations made by our Fire and Police departments, Board of Health, Conservation, Planning and Zoning boards, and Building divisions. These are the people who protect us, preserve our town and make this the community that we are.

Lori Becker
Selectman

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Andover families are focus of SPNEA lecture

The preindustrial endeavors of several Andover families is the topic of a special lecture at the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities' Barrett House. The lecture will be held Sunday, Aug. 1, at 5 p.m. A special tour devoted to the economic pursuits of the Barretts will be offered before and after the lecture at 4 and 6 p.m.

Dr. Paul Hudon, author of *The Valley and its Peoples: An Illustrated History of the Lower Merrimack*, will speak on the economic pursuits of ambitious Andover families between the years 1790 and 1830. These families' preindustrial activities can be compared with those of the Barrett family, also active between 1790 and 1830.

A special tour will focus on the business pursuits of the first three generations of Barretts associated with the mansion. The family's economic interests included textile manufacturing, mercantilism and banking.

Possible ways in which the house may have been used to promote the economic interests of the family will also be explored.

Admission is \$10 (SPNEA members \$8). To register, send a check made payable to SPNEA to Barrett House, 79 Main St., P.O. Box 358, New Ipswich, N.H. 03071. Include contact information and a specific tour request (Aug. 1 at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. A limited number of places is available, so register early.

Barrett House was built about 1800 by Charles Barrett Sr. for his son, Charles Jr., on the occasion of his marriage. Barrett House is located on Route 123A, just outside New Ipswich Center. The site is open Saturdays and Sunday through October 15 with guided tours on the hour between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

YEARS AGO

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that lasted for 15 minutes it sent the temperature skidding to more comfortable levels.

Chief George A. Dane is calling attention this month to speeding. Speed is a highway killer, says Chief Dane. Take it easy especially on hills and curves, at intersections and railroad crossings. Measure your pleasure by miles and hours — not miles "per" hour.

Work on the Morton Street sewer which will connect the new veterans' housing development with the sewer on Chestnut Street has been started by the Board of Public Works employees.

25 Years Ago

A motion to reopen the court case involving alleged secret meetings of school board members is scheduled for Monday, July 29. Judge Paul K. Connolly, in an oral ruling, ordered committeemen to "cease and desist" from the unlawful practice of holding secret meetings. The court, in its written finding, ruled that the committee had not acted illegally. The case was brought by Committeeman William L. Lane, who alleges other committeemen met secretly and voted to censure him.

Despite repeated warnings, people are still using the Fish Brook water reclamation area as a swimming beach, which is not only prohibited, but a dangerous practice. Signs in the area warning against trespassing, the hazards of stumps and other submerged obstacles, have been torn down by intruders.

The Andover Board of Selectmen Monday night agreed not to explore with neighboring towns the possibility of selling them water until a complete study of needs is made here at home. The selectmen won't pursue the

matter further until they determine that the quality of water being pumped to Andover residents won't deteriorate and the ecology of Haggetts Pond, the source of Andover's supply, would not suffer.

Roger Martin, the new manager of the Andover Consumer's Co-Op is "cleaning up all the corners," renovating, re-merchandising and making the prices competitive. Martin, who started his job July 1, says the Co-Op is also opening a "courtesy counter" for check cashing and the like.

10 Years Ago

The Andover school system will lay off personnel "across the line" if Gov. Michael Dukakis' budget cutbacks survive a challenge from the state Legislature, say school officials. A worst-case scenario would result in Andover schools losing \$560,000 in state aid, a situation that would force the layoff of teachers, administrators, clerks and custodians, said Andover Superintendent Kenneth Seifert.

A \$2-million state subsidy for private bus companies that will allow a local transportation firm to stay in business has escaped the governor's budget axe. Although \$491 million in cuts announced last week will slice deeply into education, child care and municipal aid, a spokesman for Gov. Dukakis said Tuesday that massive highway reconstruction underway in Boston made rural bus lines into the city a vital necessity.

Jon Bruegelmann and his friend Martin Gerhold left Andover July 12 for California, but this is no ordinary trip. For one thing, the two 21-year-olds are both visitors from West Germany, and they are making their way across the United States on a hot pink bicycle built for two. They hope reach San Francisco a week before their scheduled flight back to West Germany on Oct. 5.

— Joe Vieira

OBITUARIES

Harold W. Taylor

Was tax examiner for 25 years at IRS in Andover

Harold W. Taylor, 81, of Lawrence, died Wednesday, July 14, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Mr. Taylor was born and educated in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High.

He lived in Salem, N.H., before he moved to Lawrence seven months ago.

Mr. Taylor was a tax examiner for the IRS in Andover for 25 years.

He attended St. Joseph Church in Salem, N.H., and enjoyed woodworking.

Deaths Elsewhere

PARENT — Eileen E. (Rose) Parent, 89, of Salem, N.H., died Saturday, July 17, at home. Mrs. Parent was a private nurse for the late Dr. Charles Currier of Andover.

ROCKWELL — William P. Rockwell of North Andover died Saturday, July 17, at home. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Timothy T. and Maria Rockwell of Andover.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Katherine L. and Michael Torla of Hudson, N.H.; sisters, Marion Waters of Methuen, Mildred Caliri of Andover, Elizabeth Steindl of Medford and Kay Clegg of North Andover; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said Monday in St. Joseph Church. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery in Salem, N.H.

Arrangements were by Polard Funeral Home in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Joseph A. Saliby

Was grocery meat manager

Joseph A. Saliby, 71, of Andover, died Sunday at Vencor Northshore Hospital, Peabody.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High in 1944. He worked in the retail grocery business, mainly as a supermarket meat manager.

He had worked at the former Elm Farm Supermarket of Andover and more recently he worked for Demoulas Market Basket. He attended St. Augustine Church, Andover.

An avid golfer, Mr. Saliby had been a member of Merrimack Country Club, Methuen, and the

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Harold W. Taylor, 81
Eileen E. Parent, 89
William P. Rockwell
Joseph A. Saliby, 71

Andover and Indian Ridge country clubs.

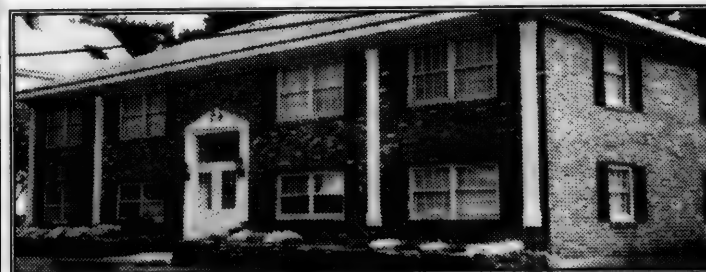
He leaves wife Emily (Gavioli); son and daughter-in-law Michael J. and Katherine of Northford, Conn.; daughter Deborah of Berkeley, Calif.; and one grandson.

Friends may call tomorrow from 4 to 8 p.m. at Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Funeral Mass will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Augustine's Church, Andover.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Dynamics Research wins USAF contract

Dynamics Research Corporation (DRC), of Andover, announced it has been awarded a contract valued at up to \$64 million to provide engineering, technical and logistics support to U.S. Air Force depots and other DoD and federal government agencies. The contract provides for task ordering on a time-and-materials basis and has an initial term of one year with four option years.

DRC is one of seven winning bidders under the Technology Task Order Engineering Services II (TTOES II) program. Contractors will perform engineering services in support of avionics systems, aerospace flight systems, and depot shop support equipment and associated processes.

These services will include studies and analyses, process modeling, technical reporting, design integration, prototype design and development, and qualification testing.

Albert Rand, DRC president and chief executive officer, said, "DRC has supported the Air Force Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base for more than eight years. This award demonstrates our continuing ability to provide high-quality engineering and technology services for Air Force logistics. This contract also provides a platform to expand this business area over the next several years."

DRC has provided system engineering, logistics, and technical support for the B-1, B-2, B-52, KC-135, and other aircraft and business process re-engineering services under the Aircraft Repair

No excuses: it's time to give blood

Don't try any of the usual excuses about why you can't give blood when the Red Cross Super Summer Blood Drive comes to Old Town Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

The people at the Red Cross have heard them all before. And unless you're very young, don't weigh very much or are in terrible health, none of them are very good.

According to the agency, which collects more than 400,000 pints of blood each year in New England alone, you can't get AIDS from giving blood, you won't be wiped out for the next week, or even the next day, and it doesn't even hurt, unless you think a pinch in the elbow is more than you can stand.

The "Top 10" excuses include fear of needles (there is only a slight pinch sensation), a lack of blood (everybody has 9-12 pints, which is more than enough to contribute), fear of AIDS (you can't get it from donating blood), being too busy (it takes only about an hour), having had to wait a previous time (make an appointment this time), too much alcohol in the blood (unless you abuse it regularly, you're probably fine) and that potential donors think they will never need blood (there is a 97-percent chance that everyone will need blood some-

time during their life).

The basic requirements are to be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in reasonably good health. People who meet that standard can give blood more than 330 times in a lifetime.

And the need, the Red Cross says, is constant and great. Every day the American Red Cross Blood Services-New England Region provides blood and blood products for patients in more than 170 hospitals in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. More than 1,400 blood donations are required every day from donors in New England to help accident victims, people undergoing surgery and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or diseases such as sickle cell disease or thalassemia.

It breaks down to somebody needing blood about every 10 seconds. A liver transplant patient can need anywhere from 50 to 300 units of blood, and cancer patients can require hundreds of units as well.

And since blood cannot be manufactured, it has to come from donors. Each donation can help multiple patients, since blood is separated into several components. But according to the Red Cross, only 5 percent

of the population donates.

Aug. 3 is an opportunity for Andover residents to help increase that percentage. Local companies and businesses are supporting the Super Summer Blood Drive. Hunneman Victor Coldwell Banker Realty, co-sponsors of the drive, encourages local residents to join the ranks of Red Cross summer hometown heroes by giving one hour of their time and a pint of blood. The goal is to collect 250 units of blood.

About Faces, Andover Limo, Andover Gift Shop, Andover Photo, Bertucci's, Bruegger's Bagels, Chocolate by Design, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, Earth Food Store, Ground Round, Hands in Motion, Hunneman Victor Coldwell Banker Realty, Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Perfecto's Cafe and Uptown Salon are some other local establishments and businesses that have donated special services, refreshments, or gift items to the blood drive. DJ Danny Scuito will provide music on site throughout the day-long event. Each donor will receive a commemorative T-shirt and enter a special drawing for prizes.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

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Gerroir joins Columbus, Ohio law firm

Michele B. Gerroir has become associated with Bake & Hostetler LLP of Columbus, Ohio. The 1988 Andover High School graduate is the daughter of Fran Gerroir, of Andover.

Gerroir is a health law attorney who concentrates her practice in federal and state health care regulatory issues, including Medicare and Medicaid. She advises hospitals, health systems, physician group practices, managed care organizations and other health

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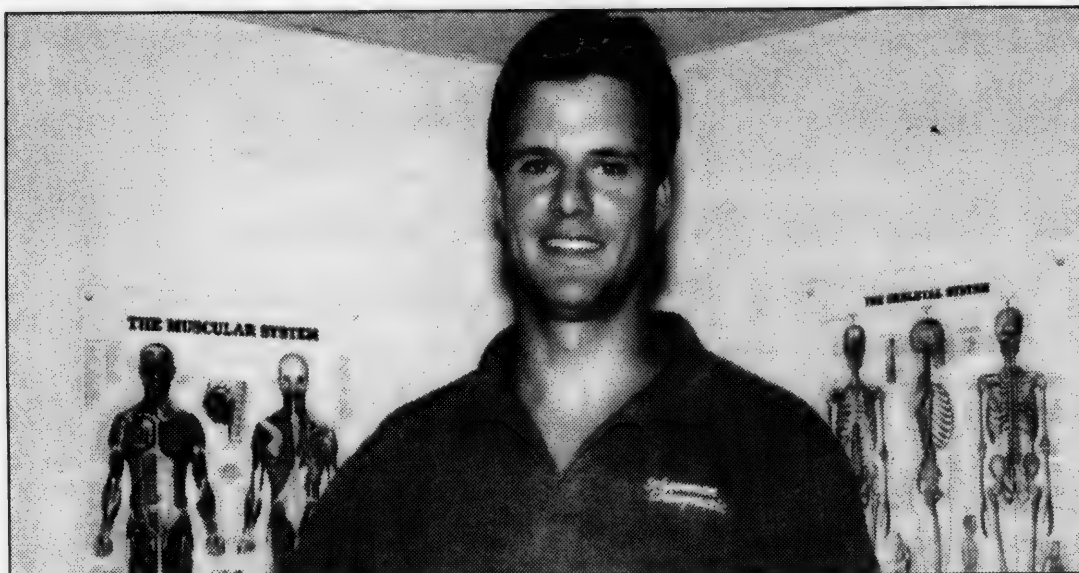
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She served as assistant attorney general in the office of attorney general in the Ohio Department of Health and Human Services prior to entering private practice. Gerroir represented the Department of Health, the State Dental Board, Mental Health Department, Women, Infant and Children Program, Abuse

and Neglect Program and Long Term Care Facilities. She participated in administrative hearings, oral arguments on appeal, settlement negotiations, state and federal briefings, discovery depositions and witness preparation.

Gerroir is a member of the American and Ohio Bar Associations and American Health Lawyers Association. She earned her law degree in 1996 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and undergraduate degree in 1992 from Syracuse University. She was due to complete an LL.M. in health law from the University of Houston Law Center in

May. Gerroir was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1996.

Brierley forms new consulting company

Dr. Gary Brierley, of 6 Westminster Roadway, has formed Brierley Associations of Boston.

Brierley has more than 30 years of experience working on major underground civil engineering projects throughout North America. He has served as president of the American Underground Construction Association, chairman of the Underground Technology Research Coun-

cil and as a member of the US National Committee on Tunneling Technology.

Brierley is the author of more than 75 publications dealing with all aspects of underground planning, design and construction management.

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Doyle earns certified property manager designation



Ruth Doyle

Princeton Properties of Lowell announced that Ruth Doyle of Andover, regional property manager, has earned the designation of certified property manager (CPM) from the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).

IREM is an organization of more than 13,000 members and candidates committed to professionalism in real estate management. Membership is awarded by IREM's Governing Council.

Doyle won the Pillars of the Industry Award as the 1998 Rent Roll Site Manager of the Year. The award is sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders and Multi-Housing New.

Her duties include managing River Place Towers, a 448-unit apartment community, which was physically and economically distressed when it was purchased by Princeton Properties after foreclosure by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA). Doyle played a key role in initiating new tenant policies, and was involved in the \$4.6 million rehabilitation of the property, which resulted in the stabilization and repositioning of River Place Towers.

Before joining Princeton Properties four years ago, Doyle had 22 years of property management experience as a senior area property manager with Winn Management of Boston and as a property manager with Weston Management Company Inc. of Boston; Charter Development Corporation of Lynnfield; Peabody Properties Inc. of Quincy; and William H. Dolben & Sons of Boston.

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Sports

Andover Legion comes up short in loss to Revere

By Rick Harrison

Needing a victory over Revere in its final regular season game to qualify for the playoffs, the Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball team came up short with a tough 2-0 loss Tuesday night in Revere.

That costly defeat, and a 6-3 loss to Middleton Post 227 in the previous game, knocked Post 8 out of contention.

In other recent action, Andover registered a 12-3 win over Lynn Post 6 and beat Winthrop, 5-2, and East Boston, 11-8, in a morning/evening same-day doubleheader.

Those results left Andover with a final record of 11-6 in Essex County Zone 8.

The top five teams make the playoffs and Andover finished sixth, one point and a half-game behind Gloucester.

Wins are worth two points in the standings and ties are worth one point. Gloucester, at 11-5-1, had 23 points and Andover 22.

Also placing ahead of the locals were other playoff qualifiers Lawrence Post 15, with a perfect 17-0 Zone record for 34 points, Danvers at 14-3 for 28 points, Peabody 13-3-1 for 27 points and Haverhill Post 4 at 12-5 for 24 points.

This is only the third time in the last 11 years Andover has not made the playoffs.

The locals have advanced to the State Tournament finals (top eight teams) four times since 1988, and in 1997 reached the state title game where they lost 9-3 to New Bedford Post 1.

Andover 12

Lynn 3

Lefty curveballer Jeff Volinski improved to 4-1 with a complete-game four-hitter, and Post 8 erased a 3-0 deficit with seven runs in the third, three in the fourth and two more in the fifth at the Andover High varsity field.

The game was called after six innings because of darkness.

Volinski, who struck out five and walked two, was touched for all three Lynn runs in the top of the third.

Andover's seven-run bottom of the third started with walks to Volinski and Danny Hughes. Josh Topp ripped an RBI single to center, and three runs crossed when Mark Rocca drilled a triple to right-center and scored himself on a wild relay throw.

The rally continued when Ryan Hanigan walked, stole second, took third on Dave Powers' single and crossed on a single by Kevin Shepard. Rich Sheldon reached on a fielder's choice, Sean Lawton ripped an RBI single, and walks to Hughes and Topp loaded the bases. A wild pitch produced the seventh run.

Hanigan doubled to left-center to open the fourth. Powers walked, the pair worked a double steal, and Shepard hoisted a sacrifice fly. Sheldon was hit by a pitch, and Volinski made it 10-3 with a two-run triple to the gap in right-center.

In the fifth Topp singled, Powers was hit by a pitch and Shepard stroked a two-run double to right-center to complete the scoring.

Topp led the locals' 10-hit attack with a 3-for-3 evening. Shepard had two hits, Hughes added a single and Rocca had three RBI.

Defensively, Topp handled six chance flawlessly at second base and catcher Hanigan threw out two Post 6 runners trying to steal.

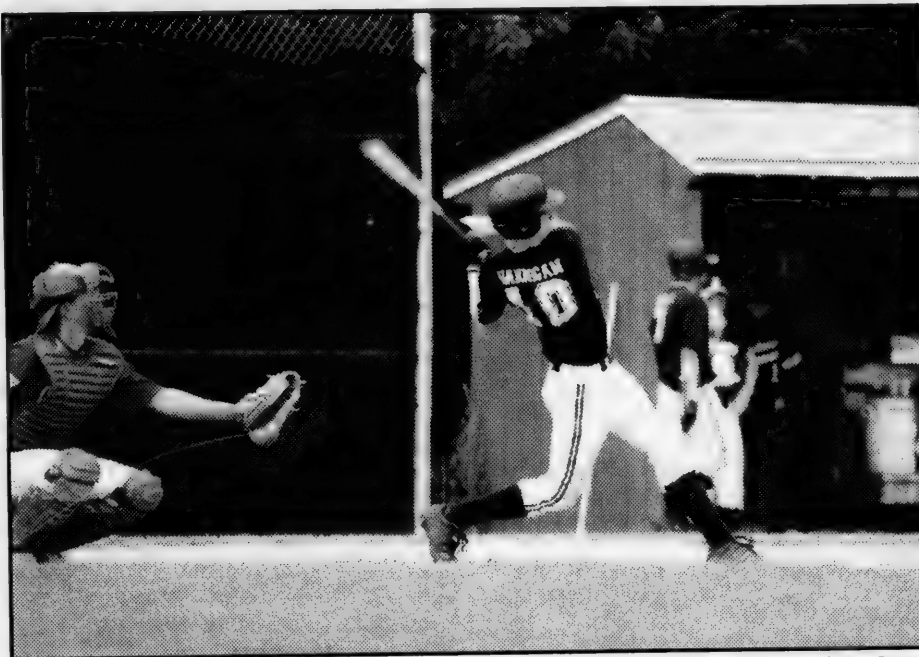


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Ryan Hanigan at bat during the Andover Post 8 American Legion game against Middleton. He doubled and scored Andover's final run in the game.

Andover 5

Winthrop 2

Post 8 chipped away with runs in four of the first five innings, and rode the combined five-hit effort of starter Rich Sheldon and reliever Mark Rocca to the morning victory over Post 146 at the Winthrop High field.

Lefty Sheldon (1-2) yielded four hits and struck out two over five-plus innings, but his wildness (seven walks) necessitated a call to the bullpen in the sixth.

Rocca, earning the first of his two saves on the day, threw only 14 pitches in two innings. He allowed one scratch infield hit and fanned two.

Andover inched ahead 1-0 in the top of the first when Danny Hughes tripled to right and tagged on Rocca's sac-fly.

Winthrop scored its only runs in the bottom of the stanza, but Post 8 countered with two runs in the second for a 3-2 lead.

Dave Powers singled, Sean Lawton drew a two-out walk and both scored on Andy Salini's double to right-center.

The locals notched an unearned run in the third when Topp reached on an error, stole second, took third on an infield out and scored on Ryan Hanigan's infield out.

Hanigan, who picked runners off third base in the first and third innings, defused a bases-loaded threat in the bottom of the third with his rifle arm.

Andover's final run came in the fifth when Hughes, Hanigan and Powers (RBI) singled with two outs.

Powers reached base four times on a pair of hits and two walks, while Hughes added two safeties to the seven-hit attack.

Third baseman Lawton joined Hanigan as a defensive standout.

Andover 11

East Boston 8

This free-wheeling battle at Andover High saw Post 8 wipe out early 2-0 and 6-2

deficits for the win over visiting Post 30.

Lefty Dan Hughes (1-1), who worked four innings in relief of starter Andy Salini, picked up the pitching win.

For the second time that day, Mark Rocca earned the save (third of season) with two quick innings of one-hit, shutout relief.

This time Rocca threw only 16 pitches and faced just six batters, with double plays in both the sixth and seventh speeding things up.

"He threw 30 pitches in two games and four innings," said Post 8 manager Joe Iarrobino. "That's like throwing on the side on an off day."

Andover scored at least one run in every inning, and took the lead for good on Salini's two-run double which broke an 8-8 tie.

Salini finished the game 3-for-3, while Kevin Shepard drilled a two-run double and RBI singles were added by Dave Powers and Sean Lawton.

Rich Sheldon contributed two hits, including a triple, and Ryan Hanigan had a hit, RBI and reached base four times.

Rocca went 1-for-1, walked twice, hit a sac-fly, drove in three runs and scored three.

Defensive standouts were Chris Hanlon at shortstop and Lawton at third base.

Middleton 6

Andover 3

Post 8 had its six-game win streak snapped as visiting Post 227 played well, caught most of the breaks and overcame a 2-0 deficit with a run in the third, three in the fourth and two in the fifth at Andover High.

Mark Rocca (5-2, three saves) was the losing pitcher, allowing eight hits over the seven-inning distance. He struck out four and walked one.

It was his first loss since the season opener against Gloucester, and gave the righthander a 14-2 record with four saves over the combined 1999 high school and Legion seasons.

"Mark pitched well enough to win," said Iarrobino. "We just didn't play very well

behind him and luck definitely wasn't on our side."

Andover jumped ahead 2-0 in the first inning. Josh Topp laced a one-out single, stole second and scored on Ryan Hanigan's triple to left-center. Hanigan crossed when Dave Powers' grounder was misplayed.

Hanigan doubled and eventually scored the final Post 8 run on Kevin Shepard's sac-fly in the fourth.

Andover loaded the bases in the fifth on a two-out single by Rocca and walks to Hanigan and Powers. A groundout to short ended the threat.

Rich Sheldon and Sean Lawton launched the sixth with singles, but a strikeout and double play on a sharp grounder squashed this bid.

With one out in the seventh Topp singled and Rocca walked, bringing the tying run to the plate once again. But a strikeout and fly-out to right field ended the game.

Topp went 3-for-4 to spark the attack, while Hanigan and Lawton added two safeties each to the nine-hit attack.

Defensively, leftfielder Danny Hughes made a diving catch and centerfielder Shepard added a nice on-the-run grab.

AMERICAN LEGION ZONE 8

Standings Final Leaders

q-Lawrence	17	0	0	34
q-Danvers	14	3	0	28
q-Peabody	13	3	1	27
q-Haverhill	12	5	0	24
q-Gloucester	11	5	1	23
ANDOVER	11	6	0	22
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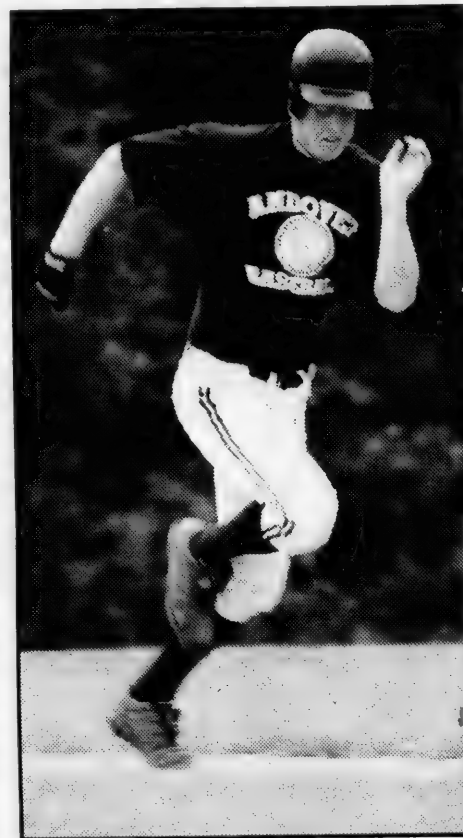


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Andover's Sean Lawton heads toward base in a recent Andover Post 8 American Legion game against Middleton.

Andover American Majors on verge of capturing title

By Rick Harrison

And then there was one — but boy is that one doing well!

Six Andover Little League teams started out in the annual double-elimination District 14 All-Star Tournament two weeks ago.

Only one is still playing, the Andover American Major 11-12s who are undefeated and on the verge of capturing the district title.

Recent victories at Deyermund Field over Chelmsford Fitts, 6-3 in the winner's bracket semifinals, and Chelmsford Lupien, 10-4 in the winner's bracket final, propelled the locals into tonight's championship round.

The Americans, 4-0 overall, will face Lupien again for the title tonight (5:45 p.m.) at neutral Poulin Field in Tewksbury (off East Street across from the state hospital).

If Andover wins it is the District 14 champ, while a Chelmsford victory would force a second winner-take-all showdown on Saturday evening at Poulin (5:45 p.m.).

After losing to Andover American, Lupien (4-1) reached the title round with a 14-6 win over Fitts in the loser's bracket final Tuesday night at Scully Field in Chelmsford.

The district champ advances to double-elimination bi-district play next weekend, July 30-31 and Aug. 1.

Teams that keep winning move to sectional, state, New England and Eastern Regional Tournaments.

The bi-district and sectional (Aug. 2-4) tournaments are also scheduled for Poulin Field, while the four-team State Tournament will be played in Leominster.

Regional winners qualify for the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. the third week of August.

In 1988, Andover National became one of the few Massachusetts state champs to play in Williamsport.

That A-N team, led by Rick Saggese, Toby Guzowski, Paul Allard, Brian Flanagan, Matt Wolcott and coached by Jim Arnold, John Murphy and Red Harris, finished sixth in the world after losing to Spring, Texas (8-2), beating Panama and losing to Saudi Arabia.

The Andover National Major 11-12's bowed out with a tough 5-4 loss to Lowell Highland, leaving the bases loaded in the bottom of the final inning.

A-N finished at 2-2 overall, the victories against Lowell Callery (8-2) and Billerica National (6-3) and the earlier loss to Haverhill National (6-2).

The Andover Senior 14-15's were eliminated with a 2-2 overall record, dropping a lopsided 18-0 decision to Billerica American in their final game.

Earlier victories came at the expense of Tewksbury American (5-3) and Chelmsford Lupien (11-7), while the first loss was a 3-2 heartbreaker to Billerica National.

This was the deepest into the tourney an Andover Senior 14-15 team advanced in years.

The Andover Junior 13-year-old All-Stars (0-2) were ousted from the tourney following a lopsided 15-0 loser's bracket defeat to visiting Lowell Highland at the Andover High freshman field.

The Andover 13's also lost to defending district champ Chelmsford Lupien, 14-6, in their opener.

The District 14 All-Star Major 9-10 year old Tournament of Champions opened with both Andover teams suffering first-round losses by identical 5-3 scores.

The Nationals were beaten by Billerica National under the lights at Deyermund Field, and the Americans were nudged by host Methuen West at Veterans Park.

Both teams also lost their second game, Andover American ousted from the tourney with a 14-4 defeat to Billerica National and Andover National eliminated with a setback to Lawrence Central.

MAJOR 11-12 DIVISION

Winner's Bracket

Andover American 10

Chelmsford Lupien 4

The Americans scored five runs in the second, and broke open a close game with four more in the fifth, to key the triumph over Lupien.

The teams traded first-inning runs, Andover scoring when leadoff batter Matt Renfro was hit in the back with a pitch, took second on Shaun Hannigan's bunt and scored on Tim Hughes' sharp single to right.

The Lupien third baseman interfered with Renfro as he rounded the bag, so the umpires gave the speedy outfielder a free ride home.

Chelmsford put together consecutive one-out singles off Hughes by Matt Tremblay, Bob Brown (infield) and Chris Byrne (RBI) to tie the game 1-1.

A hit batsman loaded the bases before Hughes worked out of further trouble by fanning the next two hitters.

The Americans sent 10 batters to the plate in the second, and took advantage of Chelmsford starter Tremblay's wildness to score five runs.

Matt Iorio walked, advanced on a passed ball and went to third on Andy Hennessy's single to center. Zach O'Donnell laid down a two-strike bunt, and a wild throw to third trying to double off Iorio sent him racing home with the go-ahead run.

Renfro followed with an RBI double that one-hopped the centerfield fence, and consecutive walks to Hannigan and Hughes loaded the bases.

Tremblay hit both Matt Hennessy (arm) and Craig Lanciani (back) with pitches to force home two more runs, and a passed ball scored Hughes for a 6-1 lead.

Lupien chipped away with two runs in the second and one in the third to make it 6-4.

Bill Busby beat out an infield hit and later scored on a double steal, while Tremblay lined a bases-empty homer to right-center in the second.

A walk to Brown and single by Byrne had Lupien threatening for more, but a fine defensive play by shortstop O'Donnell ended the inning.

Catcher Andy Hennessy also saved a run by throwing out a Chelmsford player trying to steal second.

Andover broke the game open with four runs in the fifth. Nick Caro and Tommy Arrigg drew one-out walks before Renfro drilled an opposite-field RBI single to right.

Hannigan beat out a bunt, and a throwing error enabled Arrigg to score. Renfro crossed on Hughes' infield out, and Matt Hennessy rescued Hannigan with the final run on a double to left-center.

Hughes and reliever Craig Lanciani, who pitched the sixth, settled down to hold Lupien to three singles over the final four innings.

Renfro, Hughes and Matt Hennessy led the winners' nine-hit attack with two safeties each.

Tremblay and Byrne were both 3-for-4 and Brown added two hits for Lupien.

Defensive standouts for errorless Andover were shortstop O'Donnell, second baseman Iorio with a sparkling play in the sixth, and rightfielder Hannigan who com-

bined with Iorio to gun down Tremblay trying to stretch a single to a double in the fourth.

Andover American 6

Chelmsford Fitts 3

The Americans did all their scoring in the first two innings at Deyermund Field, and Shaun Hannigan picked up the pitching victory with sixth-inning relief help from Tim Hughes.

Andover bolted to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Leadoff batter Matt Renfro walked, and when Hannigan laid down a bunt and Renfro beat the throw to second base both runners were safe.

Hughes followed with a long two-run double to right, Matt Hennessy walked and Craig Lanciani drilled a two-run double to left-center.

Renfro also led off the second inning with a walk. Hannigan laid down another bunt and beat it out for a single, and Hughes walked to load the bases.

Matt Hennessy ripped an RBI single and Hannigan scored the final run on a wild pitch.

Andover did not score again as Fitts' starter Bob McCarthy and reliever Derek Cutoni slammed the door over the final four innings.

Hannigan (2-0) pitched five strong innings of five-hit ball for the locals. He struck out six, walked three and all three Chelmsford runs were unearned.

Hughes mopped up with an inning of one-hit, two-strikeout relief.

Renfro and Hannigan scored two runs each, while adding a single apiece were Matt Iorio, 11-year-old Nick Caro and Tom Arrigg.

Defensive standouts were centerfielder Renfro and second baseman Iorio.

Fitts scored its final two runs in the fifth, and would have done more damage except for two outstanding fielding plays by Iorio.

He made a backhand stab in the hole and threw a runner out, and ended the inning with a running catch down the right field line. He juggled the ball momentarily in his glove before holding on for the final out.

Sean Clancy had a double, single and scored two runs for Chelmsford. Other safeties were singles by McCarthy, Cutoni, Brad Miscowski and Brian Taylor.

Corey Chagnon collected the only RBI for Fitts.

Loser's Bracket

Lowell Highland 5

Andover National 4

Trailing 5-2 entering the bottom of the sixth at Deyermund Field, Andover rallied for two runs and had the bases loaded with no one out.

Sean Wadland opened the inning with a double to right-center, and Jack Thorlin followed with a sharp RBI single to left.

John McCarthy singled and Dan Robichaud walked to load the bases. Matt Hogan singled to right, rescuing Thorlin with the fourth run and leaving the sacks jammed with no outs.

But Lowell Highland complete-game winning pitcher Mike Haakenstad managed a Houdini-like escape to preserve the win.

The next A-N batter lined out to Haakenstad at the mound. The second out came on a shallow outfield fly caught on the run by Lowell centerfielder Dave Yeomans.

Haakenstad then struck out the next hitter to end the game.

The Nationals inched ahead 1-0 in the first when Ryan Greeley reached on a two-base error, took third on Thorlin's single and scored on McCarthy's fielder's choice.

Lowell moved ahead 3-1 in the third on singles by Haakenstad, Sean Mullen, Jim

Dillon (two RBI) and Yeomans (RBI).

A-N retaliated with a run in its half of the third as Greeley walked, Wadland bounced into a fielder's choice and Thorlin drilled an RBI double to right-center.

Highland's winning runs came in the fifth as Dillon singled and Yeomans clouted his second homer of the tourney, a two-run shot over the centerfield fence.

McCarthy (1-1 tourney record) pitched the first five innings for A-N, yielding six hits and fanning six. Dan Robichaud worked one hitless inning of relief.

Thorlin finished the night a perfect 3-for-3, and defensive standouts for the Nationals were Hogan in center field and Wadland at second base.

Highland, which finished the tournament 3-2, was eliminated in its next game with a 4-2 loss to Chelmsford Fitts.

Andover National 6

Billerica National 3

Righthander Sean Wadland (1-0 tourney record) went the distance on the mound for A-N, tossing a three-hitter and striking out seven as the locals earned the loser's bracket victory at Deyermund Field.

Andover managed only two hits in the game, a bunt single by Jeff Borstell and a two-out sixth-inning double off the base of the left field fence by Jack Thorlin.

But a series of Billerica National infield errors led to six unearned runs, two in the bottom of the second and four more in the fourth.

Billerica inched ahead 1-0 in the first when leadoff batter Dave Spivey walked, stole second and eventually scored on a bunt by Tim Allen.

A pair of walks and a pair of B-N errors led to a pair of Andover runs and a 2-1 lead in the second.

A-N threatened in the third when Thorlin reached on an error and John McCarthy walked, but Billerica starting pitcher Al Carpenito fanned the next three batters.

Jeff Borstell led off the Andover fourth with a bunt single. Lefty catcher Matt Quinlan reached on an error and both runners advanced on a passed ball.

Ryan Greeley walked to load the bases, and Borstell was forced at the plate on Wadland's sharp grounder to short.

Thorlin and McCarthy followed with infield grounders, both of which produced throwing errors allowing four runs to clatter across the plate for a 6-1 lead.

Billerica National chipped away with a run in the fifth. Carpenito drew a one-out walk, Steve Tirella doubled to left-center and another walk loaded the bases. Carpenito scored on an infield out, and another walk re-jammed the bases.

Wadland then bowed his back and escaped further trouble on a tapper back to the mound.

With one out in the Billerica sixth, Derek Melanson ripped an opposite-field single to right and scored on a double by Chris Jones.

Wadland closed out the win with a strikeout and grounder to shortstop Thorlin.

Carpenito and reliever Melanson, who pitched the last three innings for B-N, combined for seven strikeouts.

Shortstop Thorlin and second baseman McCarthy (four assists) were defensive standouts for Andover National.

SENIOR 14-15 DIVISION

Andover 11

Chelmsford Lupien 7

Mark Matos (2-0) earned his second complete-game tourney victory on the mound, as Andover built an 11-0 lead after three innings and held off the visitors.

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Lauren Harlow earns medals at annual Bay State Games

By Rick Harrison

Once again Andover is well represented in the annual Bay State Summer Games which opened last Friday.

Highlighting the first week of action was a strong performance by 14-year-old Andover swimmer Lauren Harlow, who won four medals and set one record in girls Junior Division races held at the Harvard pool.

She earned a pair of golds, a silver and a bronze.

The Games are ongoing this week with competition in many different sports including swimming, volleyball, softball and baseball at college campuses M.I.T., Harvard, Boston University, Northeastern, Wentworth Institute and UMass Boston.

There is also ice hockey at the New England Sports Center in Marlboro and soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, judo and archery at the Devens Recreation Center in Ayer.

Lauren Harlow broke the existing BSG record for her age group in the 200 meter individual medley (IM) with a winning time of 2:32.99.

She also placed first in the 100 meter freestyle (1:03.88), second in the 400 meter IM (5:28.94) and third in the 200 meter free (2:18.77).

Next month Harlow will travel to St. Louis to represent Massachusetts in the first-ever State Games of America, competing against medal winners from similar Olympic-style Games being held in 47 other states.

These accomplishments are nothing new for the talented Harlow, who recently graduated from Doherty Mid-

dle School and will start her freshman year at Andover High in September.

She has consistently won medals and trophies in various meets over the past three years.

"Lauren has been swimming competitively for about six years," said her mother, Sheila, who along with husband David has driven Lauren and younger sister Diana, 12, to daily practices for head coach Paul Getchell's Hurricanes team which represents the Andover/North Andover YMCA.

"She became interested in swimming without any real push from us, after joining the 'Y' team as an activity," said her father. "She has a great work ethic and it didn't take long for her to start doing well. She's been successful in both the long course (meters) and short course (yards) seasons."

Lauren, who also plays soccer and softball, put those sports on the back burner two years ago to concentrate all her efforts in the water.

"She trains an average of two hours a day six days a week," said Sheila. "Sundays are usually the off day if there isn't a meet."

The 5-foot-4, 114-pound athlete is a little shy on dry land but a tiger once she hits the water.

Harlow is strong in every event except the breaststroke, where she is working hard to perfect her technique.

Freestyle and IM are her favorite races, and Lauren is also proficient in the butterfly and backstroke.

She holds several YMCA district records in the 200 IM.

Harlow competed in the YMCA

Regionals for the first time in 1997, and in March of 1998 placed fourth overall in the 'Y' Regionals at the University of Maryland.

In last year's Bay State Summer Games, which were Harlow's first, she won a pair of gold medals.

She has also competed in the YMCA Winter Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Nashville, Tenn.

Harlow, who also trains at Cedardale Athletic

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Majors on verge of capturing title

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Matos yielded seven hits and four earned runs, striking out seven and issuing five walks.

The loss eliminated Lupien from the tournament.

Andover sent nine batters to the plate and took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Matos and Sean O'Day walked, Adam Perry continued his hot hitting with an RBI single, and Matt Foresta drilled a two-run single.

In the second Vern Trageser walked, Matos belted a run-scoring double and Perry laced an RBI single. Foresta walked and Perry scored on a delayed double steal for a 6-0 lead.

A five-run Andover third opened with consecutive walks to Greg Drapeau, Mike Shanahan, Trageser and Bouchard (RBI). Matos followed with an RBI single, and O'Day cleared the bases with a three-run double down the left field line.

Chelmsford rallied from 11-0 with four runs in the top of the fourth, and added its final three in the seventh.

Lupien had runners at the corners when the game ended on a groundout to second baseman Drapeau.

Matos finished with a double, single, three runs scored and two RBI. Perry had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI, and Foresta was 2-for-2 with a pair of ribbies.

A.J. Sisodia singled and leadoff batter Trageser scored twice.

Matt Koch paced Chelmsford with a pair of hits, including a two-run double, and he also scored twice.

Defensive standouts for Andover were second baseman Drapeau, centerfielder Sisodia and shortstop Perry.

Billerica National 3 Andover 2

The locals followed their opening 5-3 win over Tewksbury American with this tough one-run loss to B-N.

Pat Harrington pitched a complete-game one-hitter for Andover, but it wasn't enough as five walks and several errors helped Billerica to the victory.

Cleanup batter Adam Perry had a perfect afternoon at the plate for Andover, going 3-for-3 and scoring both runs.

Adding one single each to the six-hit attack were Sean O'Day, A.J. Sisodia and Matt Foresta.

B-N took a 2-0 lead with a pair of unearned runs in the second stanza.

Andover cut the deficit in half with a run in the fourth. Perry and Sean O'Day laced consecutive

singles, Greg Drapeau walked to load the bases, and Perry raced across on a passed ball.

Billerica National produced its lone hit in the fifth, Kevin Brennan stroking an RBI single to rescue the game-winning run.

Andover scored again in the sixth when Perry singled, took second on O'Day's infield out, and raced across on a single by Sisodia.

B-N 14-year-old relief pitcher Jim Wilson picked up the victory with five strong innings of eight-strikeout work.

Billerica American 18 Andover 0

The victors scored four runs in the first, one in the second, four in the third and nine in the fifth to knock host Andover out of the tourney in the elimination game at the AHS freshman field.

The game was halted after 5 1/2 innings by the mercy rule.

Righthander Ryan Goff pitched a complete-game three-hitter for Billerica, walking three and striking out six.

Andover starting pitcher Mike Bouchard took the loss. Adam Perry worked an inning in relief.

Billerica American advanced to the championship round with a subsequent 10-6 victory over Billerica National.

JUNIOR 13 DIVISION Lowell Highland 15 Andover 0

Andover managed only a fifth-inning single to center by Chris Travers as the locals were over-matched by Highland.

The game was halted after five innings by the mercy rule.

Winning pitcher Keith Deschenes struck out eight in a complete-game effort.

Lefty slugger Pat Donovan had a big night for Lowell with four hits, including two triples and a double, and four RBI.

John Casey added two hits for Highland, which was also eliminated from the tourney two nights later when it lost to Billerica American, 6-1.

MAJOR 9-10 DIVISION Billerica National 5 Andover National 3

A-N lefthander Dan Godefroi pitched a complete-game four-hitter and whiffed six, but the visitors took advantage of several costly errors along the way.

Billerica grabbed a 3-0 lead after two innings and added the winning runs in the fourth. Andover countered with two in the third and one in the fourth.

Ken Masse (RBI) and Godefroi sparked the six-hit A-N attack with two singles each, while Tim McCarron and Paul Furness contributed an RBI single apiece.

Also playing well for A-N were Doug Hawkins, Dan Powers, Tim Doss and Chris Cheney.

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Andover well-represented in Bay State Games

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Club in Haverhill, has a busy month of August planned.

It starts with the 1999 YMCA Nationals at the University of Maryland in two weeks, and immediately afterward she will head to St. Louis for the State Games of America.

As for sister Diana, she's beginning to blossom with a pair of sixth-place finishes in the 12-under division 100 backstroke and 200 IM at the recent YMCA State Championships in Springfield.

There were several other strong individual and team performances by locals at the Bay State Games this past week.

Swimmer Caitlin Hamer brought home a silver medal in the girls Junior Division as a member of the 400 meter free relay, and a bronze for third place as a member of the 200 free relay.

Dana Medaglio swam on the winning 200 medley relay in the girls Junior Division.



Lauren Harlow

Ellie Browne earned a gold, silver and bronze medal in the girls Scholastic Division synchronized swimming, placing first in duet, second in figures and third in solo without figures.

Sarah Hansen took a pair of third places in the Junior Division synchronized swimming solo competition and duet without figures.

Ryan Slavin, Dan Coleman, Casey Russo, Chris Morrissey and Kyle McCauley were members of the gold medal-winning Northeast team in boys Scholastic Division volleyball.

Jen Roberge played for the first place Northeast softball team in the girls Scholastic Division. Northeast won the gold with a convincing 9-1 victory over Southeast in the title game.

Among the Andover athletes competing in the Bay State Games:

Name	Sport	Division	Age
Kristen Boyce	Track & Field	Junior	14
Stephanie Brown	Volleyball	Open	20
Ellie Browne	Synchronized Swimming	Scholastic	15
Kimberly Chandler	Judo	Junior	11
Dan Coleman	Volleyball	Scholastic	17
Kristin Connors	Basketball	Scholastic	16
Kasey Dexter	Soccer	Scholastic	17
Kristin Elsmore	Gymnastics	Scholastic	15
Evan Greer	Judo	Junior	14
Caitlin Hamer	Swimming	Junior	14
Sarah Hansen	Synchronized Swimming	Junior	13
Diana Harlow	Swimming	Junior	12
Lauren Harlow	Swimming	Junior	14
Becky Hass	Gymnastics	Scholastic	15
Sue Kiley	Track & Field	Open	31
Matt Kish	Wrestling	Scholastic	17
Michelle Leahy	Volleyball	Scholastic	16
Dan Lentz	Golf	Junior	15
Marcie Lutsch	Gymnastics	Open	22
Julianne Marvin	Volleyball	Scholastic	15
Kyle McCauley	Volleyball	Scholastic	17
Dana Medaglio	Swimming	Junior	14
Rudy Morando	Track & Field	Open	21
Chris Morrissey	Volleyball	Scholastic	17
Sean Murphy	Wrestling	Scholastic	17
Torey Nicholson	Judo	Junior	13
Kerry Nugent	Ice Hockey	Scholastic	16
Ryan Nugent	Ice Hockey	Scholastic	18
William Payne	Judo	Junior	18
Lindsey Pearson	Basketball	Scholastic	17
Diana Petersen	Soccer	Scholastic	16
Jen Roberge	Softball	Scholastic	16
Casey Russo	Volleyball	Scholastic	17
Matt Santos	Ice Hockey	Scholastic	17
Janis Scanlon	Gymnastics	Junior	14
Amy Shui	Gymnastics	Open	19
T.J. Sico	Archery	Scholastic	15
Wayne Slaterry	Table Tennis	Open	19
Ryan Slavin	Volleyball	Scholastic	17
Leah Spires	Volleyball	Scholastic	17
Shirley Yacubowicz	Judo	Junior	12
Robin Young	Volleyball	Scholastic	16



The Andover Major Little League Royals won the 1999 best-of-three Town Championship series recently by sweeping past the Mets, 5-1 and 2-1, at Deyermund Field. The two victories enabled the Royals to stretch their win streak to seven games and complete the season at 16-2 overall. Front row (from left): Jeff Martin, Chris Browne, Rick Corbin, David Espindle, Jack Hamilton. Middle row: Danny Harrison, Mike Brucato, Tim Hughes, Matt Renfro, Joe Murphy, Zach O'Donnell. Back row: Coach Larry Renfro, Coach John O'Donnell, Coach Dave Espindle. Manager Dan Hughes. Darren McKay was not in attendance when the picture was taken.

Red Sox post lop-sided wins

The Andover Red Sox, a select travel team comprised of eight-year-old baseball players, posted a pair of lopsided wins recently in the Riverside/Bradford Tournament.

Andover 15 Haverhill Tri-Star 1

The Red Sox opened with this romp as George Flanagan and Mike Yastrzemski combined on a 17-strikeout no-hitter.

Timely hitting was provided for the locals by Mike Ardagna, Ricky Retelle, John Haak and Yastrzemski.

Also playing well for the winners in the first round game were Conor Flanagan, Brian Russell, John Farrell, Brian Mascn and Nolan Gerding.

Andover 16 Riverside/Bradford 0

The Sox blasted the host team in the second round two nights later, as starting pitcher Sean Ehlbeck (three innings, nine Ks), George Flanagan, Mike Yastrzemski and John Haak combined for the shutout.

Ricky Retelle and Ehlbeck led the offense with two and three hits respectively, while other standouts included Brian Mason and John Farrell.

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July 8, 15 & 22, 1999

**LEGAL
NOTICES**

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 99P1339-EP1
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF MARION H. BAKER otherwise known as MARION BAKER.

To all persons interested in the estate of MARION H. BAKER otherwise known as MARION BAKER late of the County of Essex Date of Death, April 4, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by SUETTA TENNY of An-

dover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON August 9, 1999.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date July 7, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
July 22, 1999

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 99P1563-EP1
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. RIPA.

To all persons interested in the estate of JOSEPH R. RIPA late of the County of Essex Date of Death, May 22, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by PAUL J. RIPA of Mount Pleasant in the State of South Carolina praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving sureties on his bond. WILMA J. RIPA, first named executrix having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON August 9, 1999.

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Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date July 8, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
July 22, 1999

TOWN OF ANDOVER**PLANNING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Nortel Networks for a Site Plan Special Permit to allow for the alteration/renovation of more than 40% of the gross floor area to the existing 75,858 square foot facility located at 6 Riverside Drive, more specifically identified as assessors map 125, parcel 1. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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The following is a list of poperties that sold in Andover from Feb. 13 to May 18.

1 John A. Ortiz bought **7 Wild Rose Drive** for \$245,000, from Robert A. Borek Jr. The mortgages are with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

2 Emma I. Balog bought **70C Washington Park Drive, Unit 11,** for \$99,000, from Han Y. Park. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

3 Yvon Cormier Construction Corp. bought **Acorn Drive** for \$20,000, from Summer Trust.

4 Bjorn A. Merinder bought **11 Avery Lane** for \$520,500, from Patrick J. Knipper. The mortgage is with Countrywide Home Loans Inc.

5 Viking Tree Realty Trust bought **41 Bancroft Road** for \$175,000, from Contemporary Builders Inc. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

6 Stern Co., Inc. bought **355 River Road** for \$182,500, from Fred W. Sunderland III. The mortgage is with Bay State Federal Savings Bank.

7 Carole M. Garone bought **213 Salem St.** for \$218,400, from Richard A. Califano II.

8 Raymond R. Casavant bought **Unit 3, 257 North Main St.** for \$96,900, from Charles Della Croce.

9 Victoria Marx bought **Unit 415, 16 Balmoral St.** for \$86,000, from Richard Allegretto. The mortgage is with Fleet Mortgage Corp.

10 Leonard J. Samia bought **20 Post Office Ave., 2 parcels,** for \$1,537,680, from Hatch Family Educational Trust, Rosen Family Educational Trust and Riquier Family Educational Trust. The mortgage is with



Photo by Carol Van Doren

This home, at 64 Salem St., was recently sold for \$780,000.

Andover Bank.

11 Janice Hodor bought **1100 H Spring Valley Drive** for \$399,900 from Contemporary Builders Inc. The mortgage is with National City Mortgage Corp.

12 John J. Minahan bought **64 Salem St.** for \$780,000, from Lucie E. Lemaitre. The mortgage is with First Financial Inc.

13 Kevin Parent bought **A1-6 Colonial Drive** for \$96,000, from Colonial Drive Corp. The mortgage is with Olde Towne Mortgage Co. Inc.

14 David A. Geaslen bought **Andover Country Club Lane, Lot 11,** for \$931,200, from CA Investment Trust. The mortgage is with Homevest Mortgage Corp.

15 Bronna A. Pereira bought **30 River St.** for \$150,000, from George J. Nader. The

mortgage is with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts, Inc.

16 Jennifer A. Sheer bought **5 Kennilworth St.** for \$241,000, from Peter O. Newton. The mortgage is with PHH Mortgage Services Corp.

17 Larry W. Sideri bought **23 Mifflin Drive, Lot 5** for \$208,000, from Frank A. Rossi. The mortgage is with Mortgage Financial Services Inc.

18 Ali-Reza Ghamasari bought **164 Beacon St.** for \$265,000, from Dennis A. Michel. The mortgage is with Mortgage Partners Inc.

19 Michael D. Rausea bought **Lot 8, William St.,** for \$245,000, from J & V Nominee Trust. The mortgage is with The Savings Bank.

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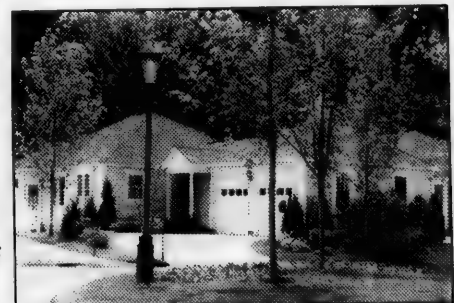
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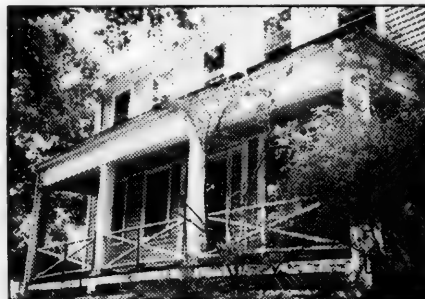
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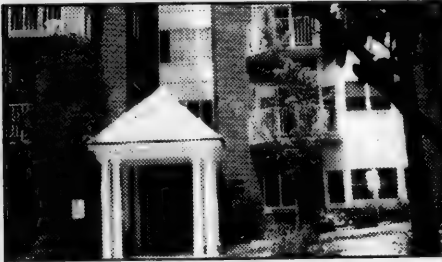
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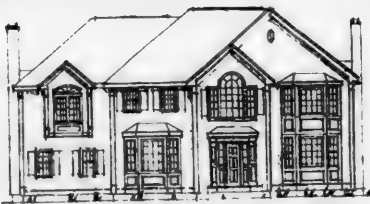
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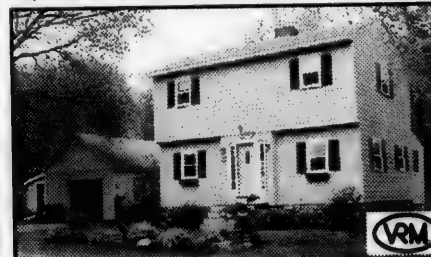
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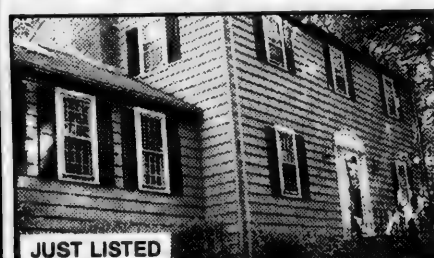
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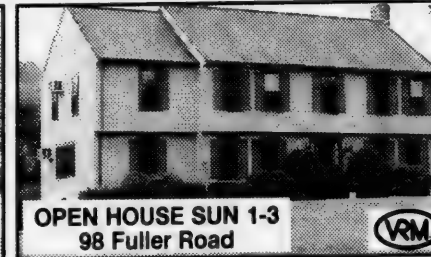
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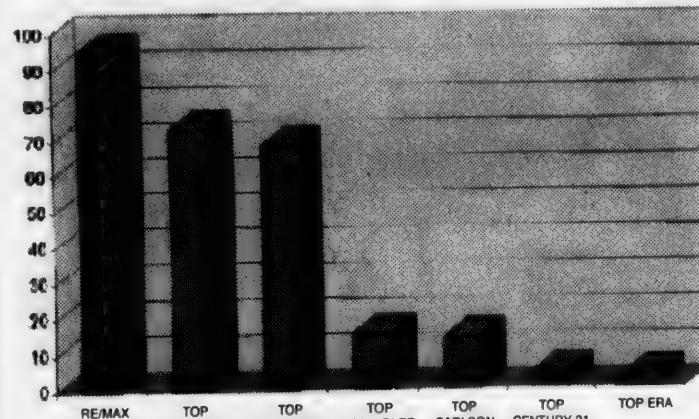
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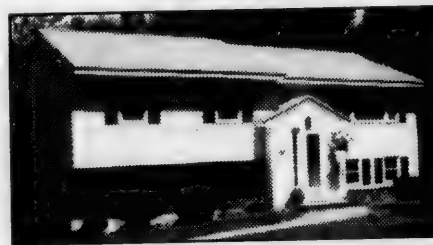
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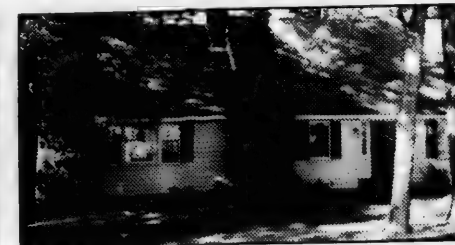
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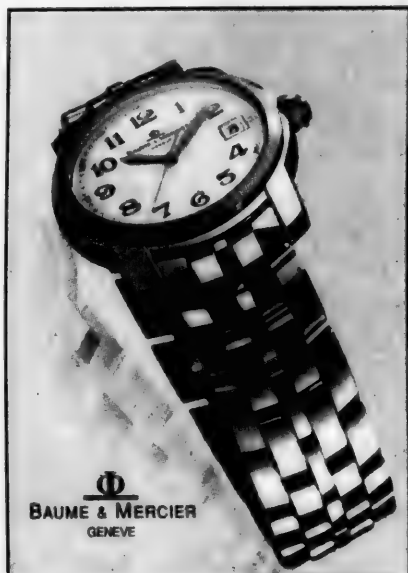
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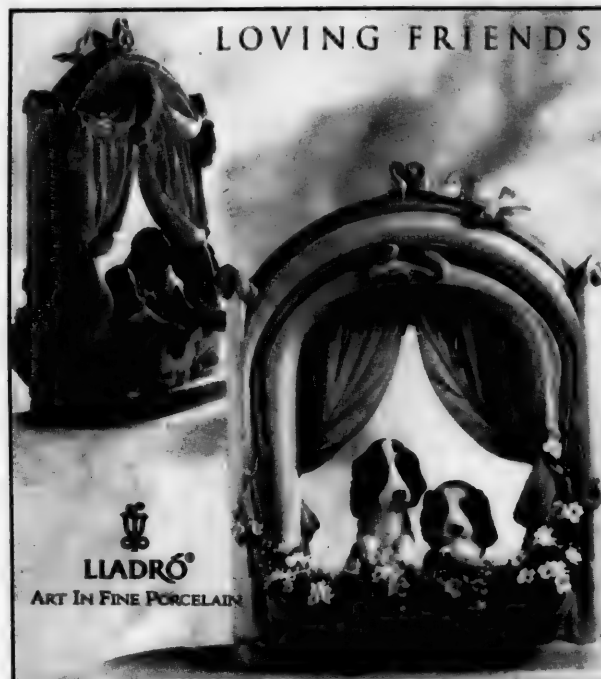
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Homeowners continue to spend money on remodeling

By Karen Intravala

Gone are the days of the "cookie cutter" kitchen. According to Brenda Bryan of Black Dog Construction Company, there is not one style that is the most popular. "It used to be a white kitchen was the most popular," she said. "Now people are getting into more natural woods such as maple and cherry, and not as much oak is being used." She said there is somewhat of a backlash toward the 1970s and 1980s style and they are seeing more individual styling.

"New England is still traditional but people are incorporating their mahogany dining room set with their kitchen," said Bryan. "It has become popular to incorporate woods and cabinets are looking like furniture, not just cabinetry."

Now individuals are getting involved with the planning and kitchens are more personalized and styled to the individuals. "A single person will want something totally different than a family of six," she said. Some of the current trends include incorporating painted cabinets, stained woods or using a different color molding on the wall or knobs on the cabinets. These individualized custom touches make the kitchens a little bit different than everyone else's. The risk takers with these customized looks seem to be owners who feel they will be in their homes for an extended period of time. Others who only plan to own

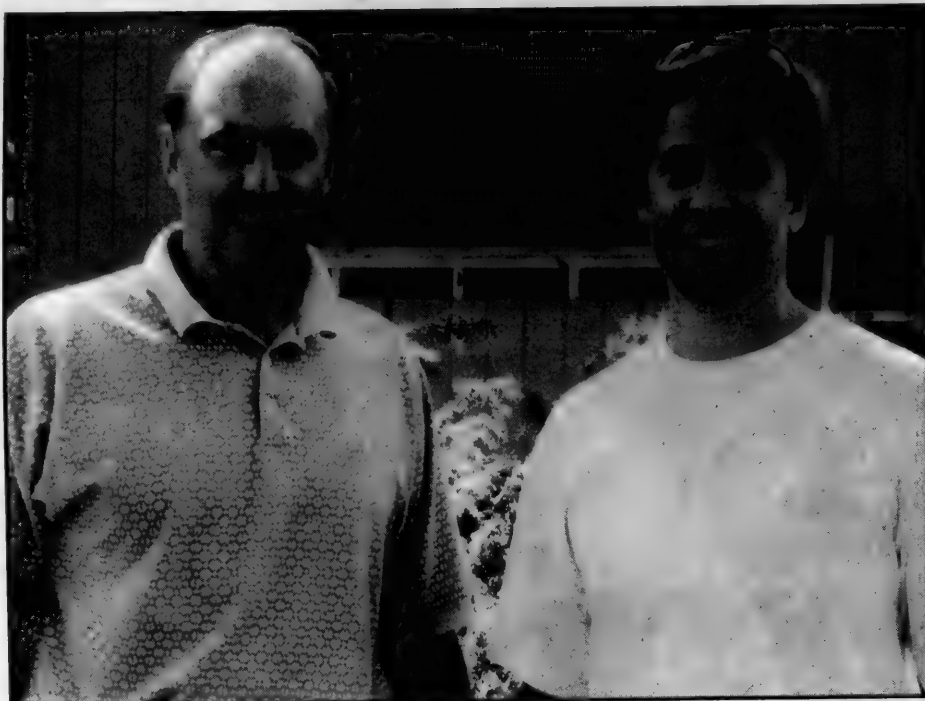


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John Janowski, left, president of Christian Builders, is seeing many of his clients deciding to remain in their home and remodel with a custom look. With him is project manager Jay Clementi.

the property for five years want as neutral a look as they can get.

Gaining popularity are the glass-front cabinets. These are sometimes being used as a focal point in the kitchen. Sometimes, just a few of the cabinets will have the glass front to show off china and other collectibles.

When faced with the dilemma of remodeling a kitchen, some people choose to "reface" their existing cabinets. Bryan advises people to make this decision based on how long you are going to be there and how much

Coping with the mess

By the Associated Press

Rare is the family that can move out when major remodeling is being done on the home. Here are some tips on making the experience go more smoothly:

- Empty rooms completely and get the furniture and other items out of the way.

"We tell clients to rent a storage container to put on their property. That way, we can empty the affected rooms instead of piling everything into the other rooms, which makes them unusable," said Doug Dervin, a contractor in West Hempstead, N.Y., and president of the New York/Long Island chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Container prices vary. In the Long Island area, the cost is about \$200 a month, Dervin says.

- Shield the rest of the house from the mess. To isolate the area being

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you want to spend. "If you are happy with the set up of your existing kitchen, refacing would be the least expensive option, and you will get a completely new look for the lowest

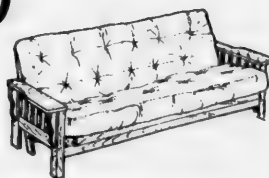
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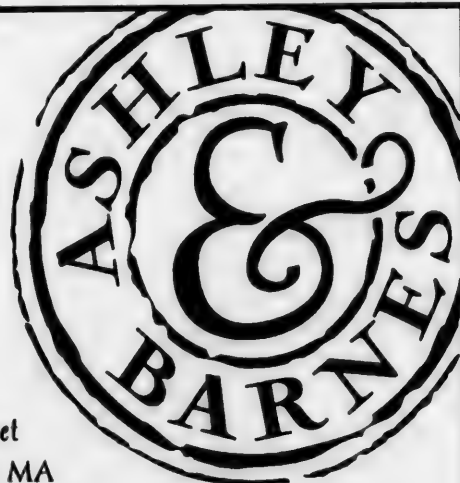
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Albrite Carpets is a family-owned business founded in 1931 on Essex Street in Lawrence. The store later moved to Methuen Street in Lawrence and is now located on Route 114 at the intersection of 495 on the Lawrence/North Andover line. The store has been at this spot since 1965.

The store stocks plenty of carpet in all sorts of colors but offers customers so much more. For example, the store has an in-plant cleaning business with special machines that can clean much more deeply than surface cleaning equipment.

We are the only one in Merrimack Valley offering in-plant cleaning," said George Abdinoor who runs the business with his brothers and a sister. They have the equipment to brush and massage rugs and carpets which then get rung out on rollers to dry. The store offers free pick-up and delivery for its in-plant cleaning service.

Those willing to drop off their rugs and carpet and pay cash for the service save 20 percent on the cost, Mr. Abdinoor said.

The store cleans fabric furniture, pillows and cushions. They also sell a

wide selection of area rugs, including hand made Orientals which are also available as stair runners. Customers have more than 200 rugs to choose from.

The store is an affiliate of "Abbey Carpet" store which has over 600 members.

"That gives me the buying power of 600 stores which means good prices for the customer," Mr. Abdinoor said.

They also have other types of floor coverings including ceramic and vinyl. The popular Pergo wood flooring, which is less expensive than hard wood flooring, is also available.

In addition to the wide selection of floor coverings, good installation service is a key to the success of this business.

"We have excellent installers and that is so important in this business," Mr. Abdinoor said.

The friendly staff uses this rule of thumb, he said: "We bend over backwards to satisfy people."

Albrite Carpets' hours are Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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amount of money," she said.

The cost of refacing cabinets runs between \$5,000 to \$7,000. To "gut" an existing kitchen, this means taking everything out, all new appliances, new flooring, lighting, and runs about \$26,000 in the Boston area. This is without moving any walls or windows. Customers of Black Dog Construction have been spending more money on their kitchens in the last few years. Many are putting in gourmet kitchens with sub-zero refrigerators and high tech appliances.

"Twenty years ago, the kitchen was basic," said Bryan. "It was an afterthought and a separate room.

People's homes now are becoming more informal. Entertaining now involves cooking along with your company. We are seeing homes getting more casual with overstuffed comfortable furniture, but the kitchen is now getting opened up to the other spaces in the home and becoming dressier," she said.

Popular countertops now include Corian and Granite. They are basically in the same price range. However, supply and demand affect the cost of granite, depending where it is mined. The price range for stone is \$35 per square foot to \$250 per square foot.

Hardwood flooring in the kitchen is gaining popularity.

"The kitchen is dressing up and

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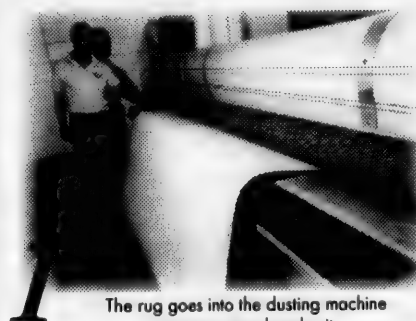
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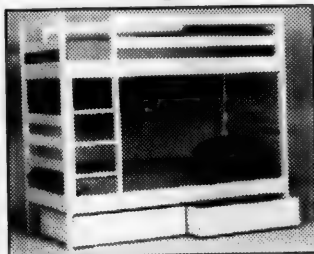
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According to Brenda Bryan of Black Dog Construction Company. "It has become popular to incorporate woods and cabinets are looking like furniture, not just cabinetry."

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hardwood allows the kitchen not to feel so Utilitarian," said Bryan. "It also has a better flow with the house and holds up well and doesn't go out of style."

Many people who remodel decide to

go with a center island. Bryan said the room must be big enough to support it and she suggests putting an appliance such as a sink or cook top in it. The time frame for completion on a kitchen renovation is between four to six

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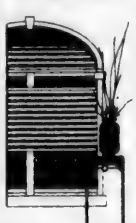
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weeks. This is for a basic renovation, not moving walls or windows.

The average price of a new bathroom in the Boston area is around \$10,000. People are spending more of their leisure time in their home and want bigger bathrooms than the standard five-foot by seven-foot bathroom in most homes. Black Dog sees the minimum bath being designed now six-foot by 16-foot. There is a trend toward water closets, private toilets and double sinks.

"It has become popular to put a master bedroom suite on the first floor," said Bryan. "This is so when the owners retire they can still have the flexibility to stay in the home, even after they can't handle the stairs any longer. We are also seeing owners of four or five bedroom houses, taking out one of the bedrooms and putting in a huge bathroom."

There are many decorative tiles on the market today for everyone's taste, from basic to handpainted by artists. Pergo laminate floors are gaining popularity in both the bathroom and kitchen and they look just like real wood. Whirlpool tubs are a great addition to a new bathroom and depending on the manufacturer they range in price from \$1,000 to \$4,000. "Many people are installing large four-foot by six-foot showers and multiple shower heads. You must make sure you

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have good water pressure to install the multiple shower heads," she added. The time frame for renovating a bathroom is approximately two to four weeks.

John Janowski, president of Christian Builders, is seeing many of his clients deciding to remain in their home and remodel with a custom look.

"People are deciding to stay in their homes because property values are so high today," he said. "A standard lot in Andover is now going for \$350,000 and the person must build a \$600,000 home on that lot."

Starting from scratch, the owner now spends \$1 million, but remodeling can put their home in that same price range upon completion, without coming close to spending that amount on the existing home.

One of his current projects is a complete renovation of an existing home. All that will remain from the

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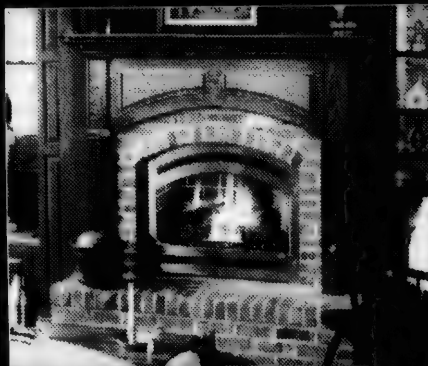
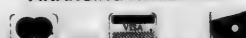
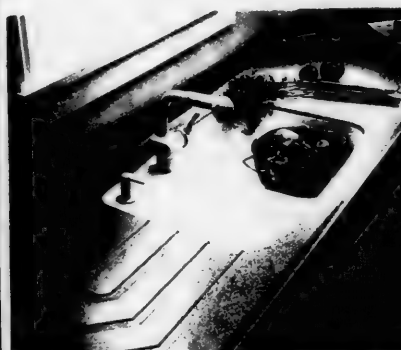
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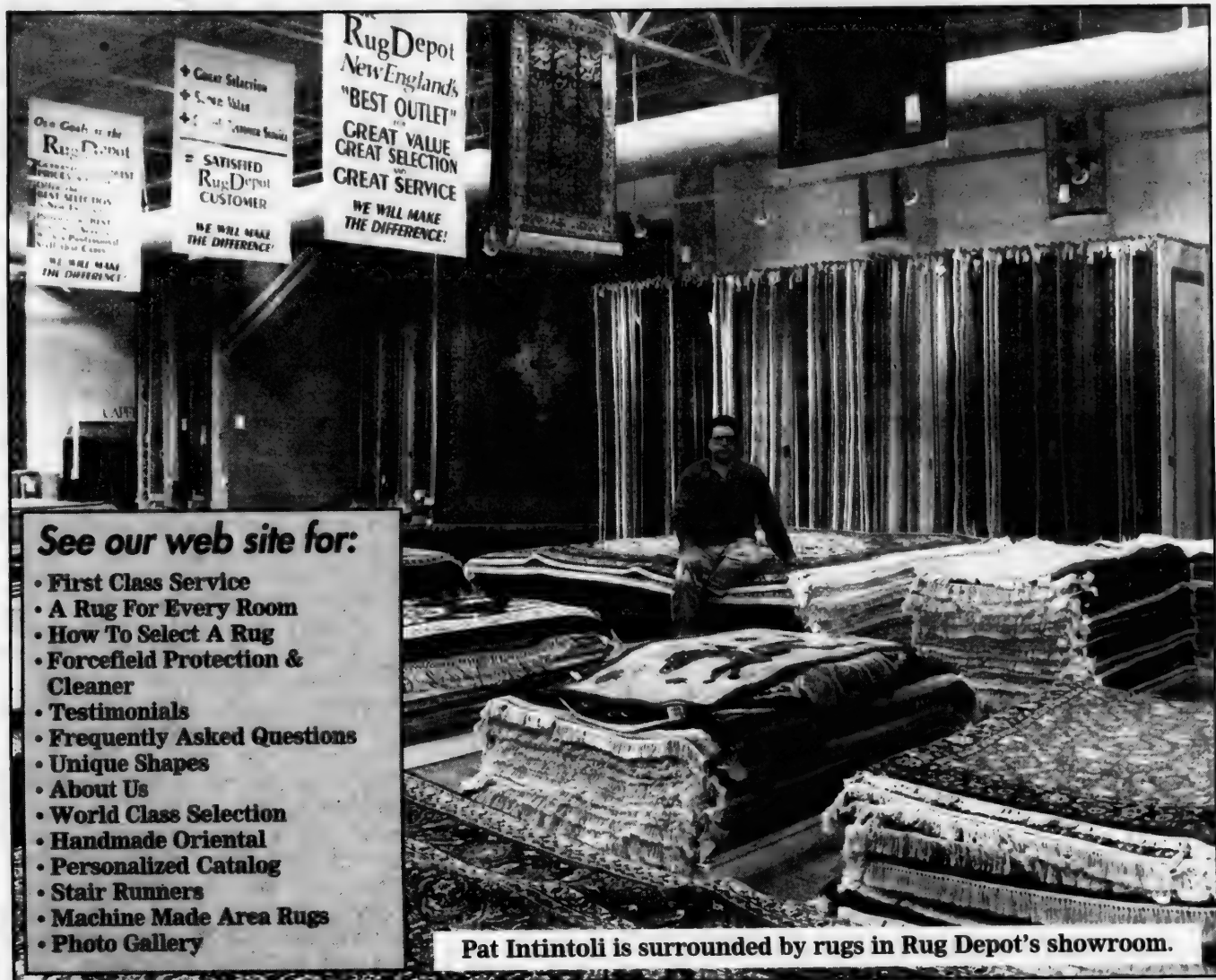
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Return of the laminates

By Barbara Mayer
 For AP Special Edition

In homes today, the midcentury modern look is big.

Along with a return of the era's furniture and accessories, there is a revival of interest in one of its preeminent surfacing materials: plastic laminate.

Besides being used — just as it was before — to cover counters, cabinets and walls, new types of laminates are showing up in flooring, furniture, and the finished particleboard used to build shelves and other projects.

Laminates also are found increasingly in manufactured housing, said George Carter, executive director of the Laminating Materials Association, Inc.

The workhorse use of laminates on counters and cabinets really never faltered, even though the material lost its cachet in the 1970s and 1980s.

Laminate flooring is particularly popular now. Although it has been available in Europe for at least 15 years, it's been on the market for U.S. consumers for only about the last five years.

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cost but above sheet vinyl.

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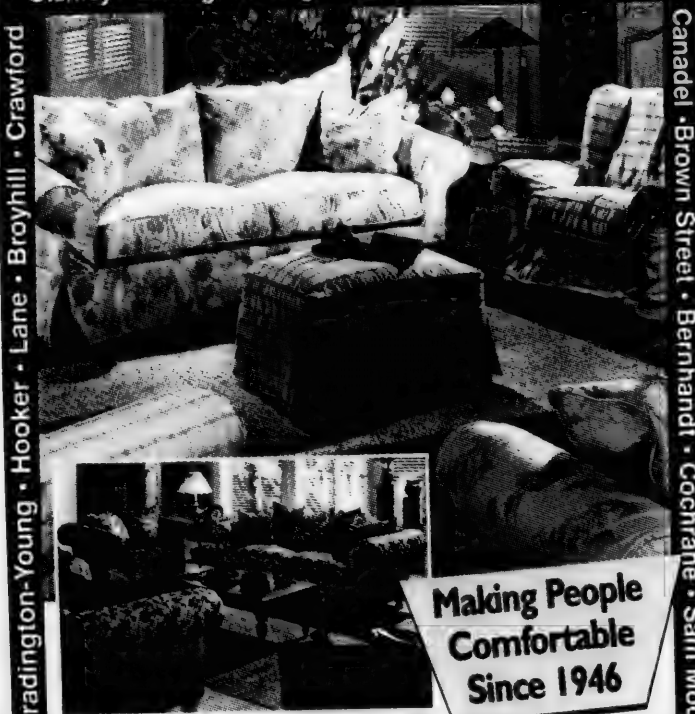
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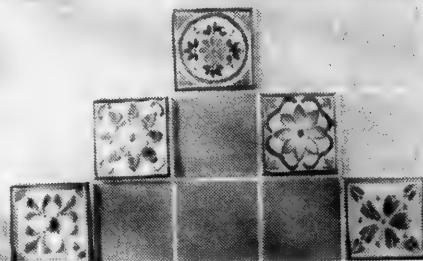
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Last fall, Audi introduced the daring A6 sedan to North America. So successful was it that it was recognized as a finalist in the North American Car of the Year competition. This past June, Audi introduced the new A6 Avant, its luxury touring wagon, to the market as a 1999 model year vehicle.

With their 200 horsepower, 2.8 liter five-valve V6 engine, five-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic and an exhaustive list of standard features, the A6 sedan and Avant set a new standard among luxury touring cars. Both of these automobiles offer a choice of three different interior environments, called "Atmospheres," that owners can choose from at no extra cost to personalize their definition of luxury. Standard features such as next generation front airbag supplemental restraints, standard seat mounted front side airbags, dual-zone

climate control, a 140 watt stereo system with subwoofer, and a splitfolding rear seat only hint at the amenities contained in both A6s, the new

definition of prestige in the luxury touring class.

New standard equipment for 1999 on both the A6 sedan and Avant (with September Avant production) are a larger right outside mirror, lockable headrests for the front seats, fasteners added to the rear floor mats, a force limiter added to the front seat belts, a first aid kit in the center rear armrest and an upgraded tool kit. Added to the exterior color palette is Tornado Red, and a Vanilla with Onyx leather option has been added to the "Ambiente" atmosphere. The A6's Warm Weather package has been optimized to improve the performance of electronic accessories such as garage door openers and electronic toll passes. The package now includes a solar sunroof (which powers the ventilation system when the car is at rest to cool the interior when sitting in the hot sun) and rear window sunshades. Rear heated seats have been added to the Cold Weather package. For those who select the Convenience package, a HomeLink transmitter and outside auto dimming mirrors have been added to this package.

From its striking front end, the A6

sedan is instantly recognizable as a fullfledged member of the Audi family. Its headlights, hood and bumpers blend together to reveal a familiar face while its advanced lighting technology, visible behind clear polycarbonate lenses, give this car a definite gleam in its eye.

The sweeping roofline glides in an arc from hood to trunk defining an interior space that, compared to the previous A6, offers increased volume (+6.6 cu. ft.) with increased headroom (+1.2 inches front and +.3 inches rear) and rear legroom (+2.1 inches). With its flush-mounted bumpers and body colored exterior accents, nothing interrupts the A6's clean, precise lines.

Taking its cue from the stunning Audi TT sports car, the rear of the A6 gives the car a breathtaking finish. A combination of distinct lines, smooth surfaces and three dimensional rear lights make the A6 unmistakable and give it class-leading trunk volume (17.2 cu. ft.) in a stylish package.

The Audi A6 Avant has achieved its own highly distinctive style, although it is derived from the sedan platform. The elegant yet efficient silhouette of the A6 Avant is a result of the interplay between familiar design elements originally found in the sedan and the supreme style in which the designers have dealt with the wagon's body surfaces and curves. The dominant rear end, exciting contours and distinctive lines serve simultaneously to strengthen the Avant's visual appeal

while they achieve a high degree of product identification.

The Avant's design is particularly notable for its dynamic side view. A gently rising window line, black center roof posts and bold wheel arches serve to emphasize its innate energy. The A6 Avant skillfully assimilates the daring, innovative design aspects of the A6 sedan, such as the unmistakable Audi face or front end, while continuing the trendsetting design tradition of the Audis that have come before.

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Return of the laminates

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done elsewhere, the Formica Company was founded in 1913 to manufacture laminate sheets, and its early start has made its trade-named product almost a synonym for plastic laminate sheets, no matter that a number of different companies make and market them.

Through World War II, uses of the product were mainly industrial and commercial. But after the war, they blossomed in consumer applications, ranging from countertops to skis.

In the 1950s and 1960s, laminates were used by avant garde designers for furniture and surfaces. A design community backlash against the product and in favor of natural materials during the late 1970s and 1980s put laminates on a back burner. Now, young designers are rediscovering the material.

Jim Huff, owner of Inside Design, a furniture store in Oklahoma City, sees laminate turning up more often on the modern furniture he stocks either instead of, or in addition to, wood.

"It's a durable material and comes in many different colors. And plywood and laminate used together can be more cost-efficient than other materials," said Huff.

"Furniture designers on the edge who show their work in galleries are looking at laminate," said Kenn Busch, editorial director of Laminating Design & Technology, a trade publication in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

One designer is Chris Deem of Berkeley, Cal. His award-winning Boss series of cabinets features laminate-covered doors.

"I find laminates are an effective way to get color and texture into my designs," Deem said.

Laminates have always been valued as a relatively inexpensive way of getting color and pattern into a room and for offering a durable and easy-care surface.

"Now, there is a shift from plain color without visual texture to the use of laminates with visual and physical texture as well as color," said Renee Hytry, director of design for Formica Corp.

Various types of patterns also are available, thanks in part to the improvement of the printing technology used to create the design.

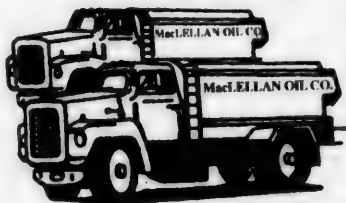
"Fake woodgrain used to look fake," Hytry said. "Now the printing is so realistic that woodgrain laminates are overcoming the architects' resistance to the use of fake materials."

Look for new patterns of a more fanciful nature, too. Some examples are a pattern that looks like autumn leaves on the ground, or one that looks as if the color was applied with a carton of crayons. New for vertical surfaces are ridged laminates that look like corrugated cardboard or metal.

Slated for introduction this coming spring by Formica is a concrete look for countertops and a marquetry look that replicates wood inlays.

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1. My existing unit operates just fine, why should I pay to have someone service it?

A lack of maintenance on your equipment can void your warranties. Regular maintenance ensures you receive the best efficiency (energy savings) and reliability from your equipment.

2. What should I look for in a service department?

First and foremost, the company you choose should have a service department that is separate from installation. Otherwise, you may be forced to wait for repairs for weeks while more profitable installations are being handled.

The service department you select should provide the following: 1) Separate service and installation departments, 2) 24-hour emergency service, 3) Quick response time, 4) Technicians licensed and factory trained, 5) Extensive inventory of parts, and 6) Yearly maintenance agreements.

3. How would I add air conditioning to my home?

If you have forced hot air in your home already, then air conditioning is relatively easy and inexpensive to install. A cooling coil is installed to your existing furnace, and a condenser is placed outside. In the summer, the blower from your furnace draws the air through the cooling coil to be distributed throughout your home.

If you do not have forced hot air, a combination blower and coil unit can be placed in the attic or basement.

4. Is central air conditioning loud and expensive to operate?

The systems are not loud when designed and installed correctly. The two main sources of sound from an air system are the blower and excessive air turbulence. To prevent these problems, a quality installation includes fitting ductwork with acoustical liner. This prevents blower and air noise from echoing throughout the system. Moreover, the units in the attic should be hung from the rafters to prevent vibration on the ceiling below.

5. Should I choose a higher priced brand? Aren't they all the same?

Many factors differentiate one brand from the next. The quality of materials and engineering design are directly linked to the warranty, efficiency and reliability of a unit. A brand with a higher initial cost may be less expensive over time due to fewer service calls and lower electric bills.

6. As long as it cools or heats, is the size of my air conditioning or

heating system really that important?

Size is very important. Oversizing a unit has serious drawbacks, and is even illegal in some states, including Massachusetts. An oversized unit will heat or cool your home very quickly. Unfortunately, it will also result in higher electric bills, increased maintenance costs and uneven temperatures. In order to be dehumidified, the air needs to be steadily circulated through the cooling coil in order to drain the air of moisture.

A heating and cooling load calculation should be done by the contractor to determine what size unit your home needs. "Rules of thumb" are not sufficient because many things can affect the load in your home: the amount of sunlight, direction the house faces, amount of insulation, and even the number of people and appliances.

7. If all my estimates are quoting the same equipment, isn't the lowest priced contractor a better value?

A quality, established dealer has access to many resources to aid in the design, installation and servicing of your system. These resources allow the dealer to customize a total comfort system for your family. One way to determine how well a dealer stands behind his work is to look at the labor warranty. It should match the parts warranty on equipment.

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Other important considerations when choosing a dealer are insurance, licensing, manufacturer's rating and professional memberships. Climate Design Systems, for example, is fully insured and licensed and maintains memberships in the Better Business Bureau, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. and the Air Conditioning Contractors of America, among others. The company has also earned a D 5 status from Lennox — the highest attainable rating.

You may also wish to consider visiting a dealer's facility to determine capabilities before making a decision. At Climate Design Systems, for instance, a visitor would note an in-house sheet metal shop, enabling custom fabrication of ductwork; and crews composed of installers, sheet metal fabricators, plumbers, pipefitters, electricians and service technicians. The more services a dealer can provide in-house, the more options become available for your home.

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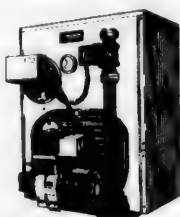
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- Never remove guards from power tools or lawn products. They are there

to protect you.

- Outdoor receptacles should be protected with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI).

- Make sure tools and extension cords are marked for outdoor use.

- Read and follow the manufacturers' instructions when using any product that is powered by electricity.

For more information, or a brochure on Home Electrical Safety, enclose a 55¢, stamped self-addressed No. 10 envelope to: The National Electrical Safety Foundation, 1300 N. 17th St., #1847, Rosslyn, VA 22209, or call (703) 841-3229; www.nesf.org. (NAPSA)

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- Mickey's Shadow-Mickey strolls with his umbrella through platinum raindrops. Defined by bands of 24-karat gold, this border pattern rims the inside of a Vintage lavatory.

- Playful as a Mouse-This collection uses faucet handles, tiles and other bathroom fixtures as storyboards to tell the adventures of Mickey and Minnie.

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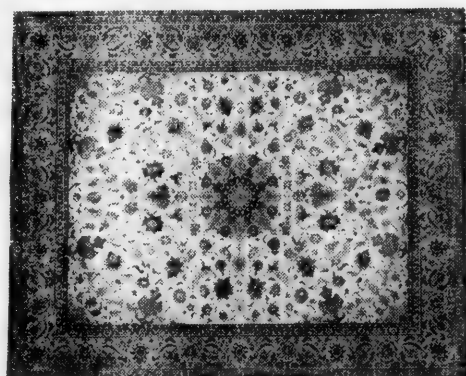
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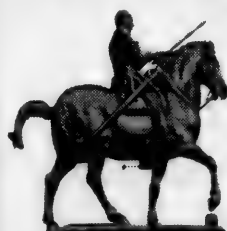
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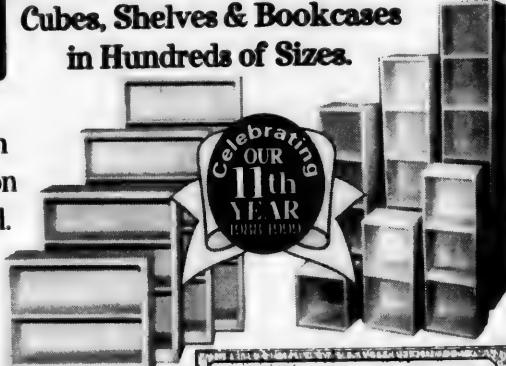
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Bending branches influences fruit trees' growth

By Lee Reich
For AP Special Features

How much fruit a tree will bear is, in part, based on how the branches grow. And you can help with the bounty.

Branches pointed skyward generally are most vigorous, with long new shoots growing especially from their top-most buds. At the other extreme are branches oriented horizontally. These generally are weaker and tend to produce fruit buds rather than vigorous shoots.

Bending and tying branches is a good way to balance shoot growth and fruiting of fruit trees, especially apples and pears. Both types of growth are needed: the fruit for us to eat, and the leafy shoots to nurture the fruit.

Young apple and pear trees commonly put too much energy into shoots. Coax such trees into bearing by tying down the branches. Once fruiting begins, the weight of the fruit will keep them down. Sometimes, a branch laden with fruit is pulled down to the point where it becomes weak. In this case, pull off the fruit and pull the branch upright and tie it.

Spreading branches lets them bask in sunlight so the interior portion doesn't become too shaded to produce fruit or leaves. Wide-spreading branches also are most strongly attached to the trunk.

On very young trees still forming their main branches along the trunk, start spreading the new shoots when they are just a few inches long. Bend them carefully so they don't break. If they are small enough, hold them in place by snapping a spring-type clothespin on the trunk, with the tail of the clothespin holding down the shoot. Or press one end of a toothpick into the shoot and the other into the trunk just enough to keep the toothpick in place.

Spread older branches with a piece of notched wood or with a string tied around the branch and then to the ground or to the tree trunk. Or hang a weight on the branch — a plastic sandwich bag filled with sand and draped over the branch, for example. After a few weeks, remove the anchors. The branches should stay in place.

As you reorient tree branches, remember that you want to achieve balance between shoot growth and fruiting. Too much bending will weaken branches.

Branches at about a 60-degree angle to the trunk generally have a good balance of fruiting and shoot growth.

Finally, remember that your care and effort now will be repaid with fruit next year. Most fruit trees develop their fruit buds the season before they actually ripen fruit.

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Natural fertilizers grow in popularity

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Natural fertilizers, made of bone meal, blood meal, feathers, seaweed, fish byproducts, bat droppings, ash from sunflower seed hulls, and a variety of other substances are becoming increasingly popular. Most of these packaged fertilizers also include nitrogen-converting microbes.

The primary difference between conventional, inorganic fertilizers and organic fertilizers is that inorganics exist in a ready nitrate state. The moment you add water, the nutrients can be absorbed by plant roots.

Organic fertilizer, in contrast, must first be converted by microbes in the soil from an organic to an inorganic state. The microbes actually produce the nitrates. As this process takes place deeper in the soil, the nitrates are not as exposed to surface runoff. This is not to say that nitrates from organic material cannot be eroded from the soil or leached downward through sandy soil, but that the problem is a lesser one. Because nutrients are released slowly, organics can be applied any time throughout the year.

The one disadvantage is that organics are generally more expensive.

You may be able to beat the system, however, by buying the ingredients in bulk and mixing your own. Look to blood meal for nitrogen, bone meal for phosphorus and sunflower seed ash for potassium.

Don't automatically assume that a thin, pale turf needs fertilizer. It well

may, but often the soil structure or soil pH is the problem.

Grasses grow best in at least 6 inches of topsoil. By digging down a foot or so, you'll be able to see how much topsoil you have, as indicated by its darker color. Composted manure, which is odorless, can also be added a little at a time to the surface, as can peat moss and gypsum pellets.

Another option is to treat your lawn with an enzyme-activated soil conditioner. Research indicates that by increasing certain beneficial enzymes in the soil, water tension factors are altered and the soil is made more water permeable and absorbent. As such, waterborne nutrients are more easily accessed by plant roots, and soil compaction is reduced.

The only way to check for proper pH is with a soil test. You can call a professional or take a soil sample into your local lab, extension office or university. Home testing kits are also available through catalogs and garden centers.

An alkaline soil will need an application of sulfur or gypsum, while acidic soils will benefit from a sprinkling of lime. Turf grasses do best within a pH range of 5.6 to 7, and your extension agent or dealer will know which treatment plan is best for your lawn.

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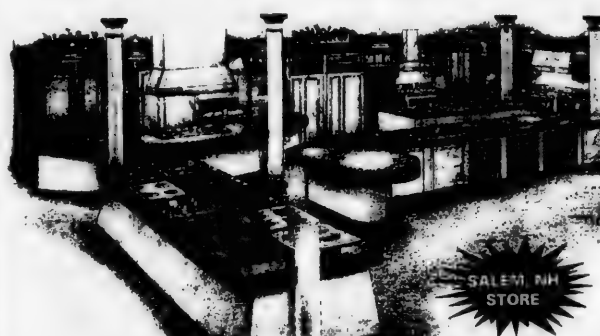
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Paring down for the millennium

By Barbara Mayer
For AP Special Edition

It's all about balance. How else to explain that as life gets more complicated, decorating styles appear to be simplifying?

Four design authorities shared their views about what the future holds in home design. Three say we are headed for simpler, more comfortable decorating styles. The fourth says the rise of technology will lead to a more open and sensual approach to home design.

"The millennium is a big turning point, and when people reach turning points, they want to feel they have a new beginning," said Suzanne Slesin, design editor of *House & Garden* magazine. "One way we can have a new beginning is to pare down and go forward with only the things we really love. Instead of clutter, there will be much greater selectivity, and at the same time an emphasis on livability."

A trend already in place that Slesin expects to continue is the strong emphasis on personal style. This leads to a wide range of popular looks rather than only one or two.

"One decorating trend we see at H&G is toward bold statements that make a strong point," Slesin said. As an example, the magazine recently featured the home of a couple who have furnished with famous icons of design, such as a chair by Charles and Ray Eames and a dining table by Donald Judd. "These are not wishy-washy

"If there is one item of home furnishings that is going to be more important than all the others, it will be lighting."

pieces, but strongly reflect their personal taste."

Those who are decorating without a designer's input will find inspiration in many places, including home furnishings stores, designer hotels, stylish clothing specialty stores, and mail order catalogs.

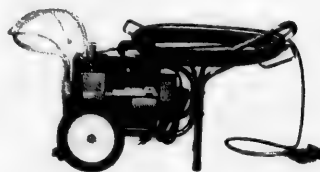
"The general public already has become more sophisticated about design and so is able to profit from the great array of visual opportunities," the editor said.

Activities and products that streamline and simplify life at home will become more important as the millennium dawns, predicts Clodagh, a New York-based designer of home decorating products and interiors who uses only her first name.

Putting in a home spa will be quite popular because people are being exposed to the pleasures of spas in health clubs and resorts.

"Once you have enjoyed the peace and tranquility, and try to cram yourself into 5-by-7-foot bathroom, you

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will want a change," Clodagh said. "A home spa simplifies life by putting this desirable retreat in the home instead of requiring that people go somewhere else to relax.

"People will put their money into good storage systems rather than unnecessary furnishings like elaborate window treatments," Clodagh predicts.

So far as Clodagh is concerned, the dining room is history.

People cook and serve themselves, so the dining room, which requires serving assistance to function properly, will die out.

"What used to be called the family room will be the living room where you relax and dine.

Donna Warner, editor of *Metropolitan Home* magazine, said that the most important trend of the early millennium has started already. "The word that comes to mind is simple," said Warner. "A sense of serenity is becoming far more important in home decorating. For example, we see more simple modern styles in houses submitted to the magazine's decorating contests."

It is easier to furnish in modern because European modern styles are now more widely available in the United States. "Imported European furniture is still expensive, but it is more reasonable than it used to be," Warner said.

The editor predicts that more stores

around the country will follow the lead of New York's Soho district, where those marketing European modern such as Kartell and Poltrona Frau have established a beachhead.

Looking at the bigger picture, David McFadden said that technology at work and home is forcing the need for a change of pace in home decorating. The chief curator of the American Craft Museum in New York predicts that the world of the senses — vision, taste, smell, touch, and hearing — will become more important in decor.

"There will be a renaissance of tactile interior furnishings, including rich fabrics, wood, and other highly touchable materials," McFadden said. "The use of color will become more important because of what color can do emotionally and spiritually. And if there is one item of home furnishings that is going to be more important than all the others, it will be lighting. Light has the quality of being both technically based and sensually perceived and it provides the most direct emotional experience we have in our homes."

McFadden expects to see "an outpouring of creativity in the arts of the home" with more cross fertilization in art and home design because "the same person may be a designer, artist and craftsmen, all in one. Young designers coming out of school today don't limit themselves, but often are equally at home as artists, designers, and craftsmen.

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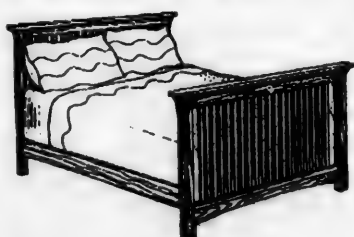
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Pros and cons of in-floor radiant heat

By Popular Mechanics
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If you're in tune with the latest news in home improvement, you've probably noticed that in-floor radiant heating has moved back onto the front page. What you may not know, though, is whether this type of heating makes sense for you — either as a retrofit in your present house, or in the home you hope to build one day.

The simple truth is that in-floor radiant heat has much to recommend it. It's every bit as comfortable as the enthusiasts claim because it delivers heat in a way that the human body is almost uniquely built to appreciate.

Still, in-floor radiant heat is not for everyone. It can be too costly, too limited or just too difficult to install. And, just as important to many, it can't incorporate air conditioning as a forced-air heating system can.

In-floor radiant heating is a hydronic system — that is, it uses hot water to warm your home. Unlike baseboard systems, though, radiant heating utilizes tubing under the floor to carry and disperse the heat. While there are several installation variations, the preferred method is to embed the tubing in a concrete slab.

The popularity of radiant heating is due to the special kind of comfort it offers. Conventional baseboard heating, whether electric or hydronic, first heats the air in the room, which then circulates through convection currents. The body's direct contact with the heated air provides warmth. However, a radiant heating system doesn't heat the

air. Instead the heat moves directly to the objects in the room. The difference is somewhat akin to warming your hands by a fire rather than using a hair dryer.

In-floor radiant heat also offers some practical advantages. Because the heat originates at your feet, and the comfort of our lower extremities has a lot to do with overall comfort, temperatures can be set lower, typically 65 F to 68 F instead of 70 F to 72 F.

Radiant systems also produce less air stratification than baseboard or forced air systems — the heat doesn't end up on the ceiling, well above the comfort zone. In a radiant system, the temperature difference between floor and ceiling is usually a meager 2 F to 3 F. Moreover, heat loss through walls and windows, precisely where baseboard units and forced-air diffusers are located, is minimized because the air in the room is carrying less heat.

Unlike forced-air systems, radiant heating doesn't increase air pressure in isolated rooms, which also means less heat loss through doors and windows. And, radiant heat does not greatly affect the moisture content of the air and reduces the dust circulation associated with forced air.

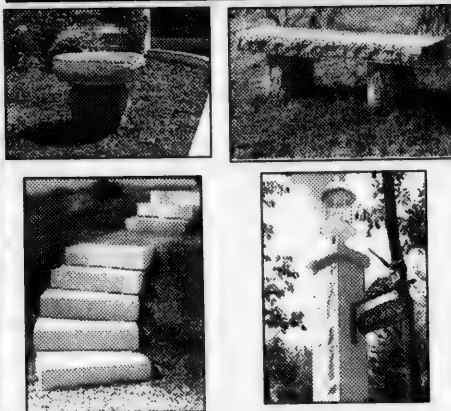
Then too, the absence of forced-air diffusers or baseboard heaters means greater flexibility in decorating. Add to these benefits a heat-retaining thermal mass such as structural concrete or lightweight, thin-slab concrete, improved boilers, circulators and controls, and the energy savings over conventional systems can approach 30 percent.

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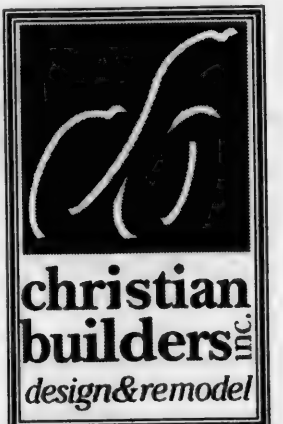
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PITTSBURGH (AP) — While kids outgrow their clothes, the same needn't be true of their furniture.

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"A piece of solid hardwood furniture is not a throwaway," said Russ Page of Moosehead Manufacturing, a furniture maker in Maine. "It's going to last many generations, and that makes it the best value. Quality means longevity."

Adds Russ Hepner of Gallery Furniture in Houston: "Even when they're buying furniture for a five-year-old, they want it to last through college."

Top sellers are pieces that can be used by a child as he or she grows from infancy into adolescence. Full-size beds, spacious storage pieces, units that can be added to, such as desks or hutches, are main choices.

"We're selling more computer work stations and more 'wrap groups,'" said Hepner. Wrap groups are units with multiple components, such as a chest of drawers or a toy box.

The same trend is noted by Betty Romane of Gladhill Furniture in Middletown, Md. Sales are good for pieces made of oak, birch and ash. "The solid hardwood furniture is built extremely well. I buy it for myself."

Use the same criteria in shopping for children's furniture as you do for a dining set or home entertainment center, urges the HIC. But be sure to pay extra attention to safety features:

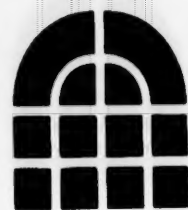
Consider the construction. Solid hardwood means that each exposed furniture part is made of hardwood lumber. Hardwood veneers are thin slices of wood bonded to plywood or particleboard. And artificial laminates simulate, but aren't, real wood. The HIC says that hardwoods stand up best to abuse inflicted by active children; scratches and nicks can be sanded out and the piece refinished if need be.

Look at the finish. A well-finished piece should be free of drips and bubbles, and its interior surfaces should be smooth to ensure that it's safe and "kid-proof."

Look for quality details. Well-constructed pieces include drawers with dovetail construction, hardware that's straight and firmly secured, and doors that swing freely and smoothly.

Inspect for safety. Make sure that bookshelves, chests-of-drawers and other vertical furniture are sturdy and will not easily tip over. Look for drawer stops that prevent drawers from being completely removed. And especially if buying for very young children, make sure the furniture doesn't have sharp, pointy corners.

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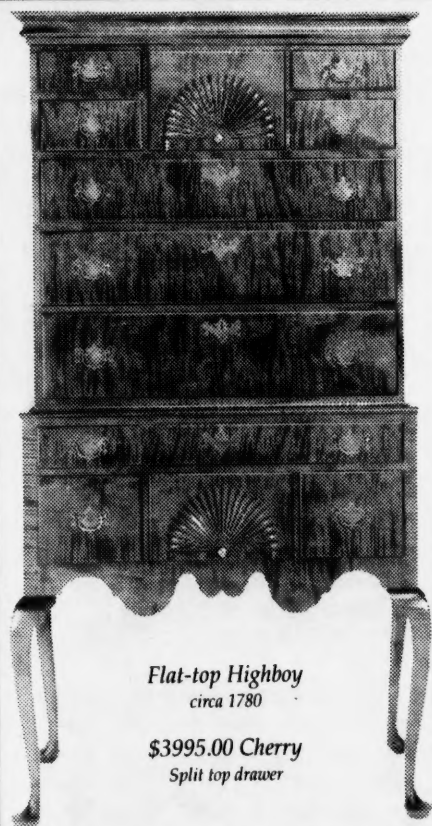
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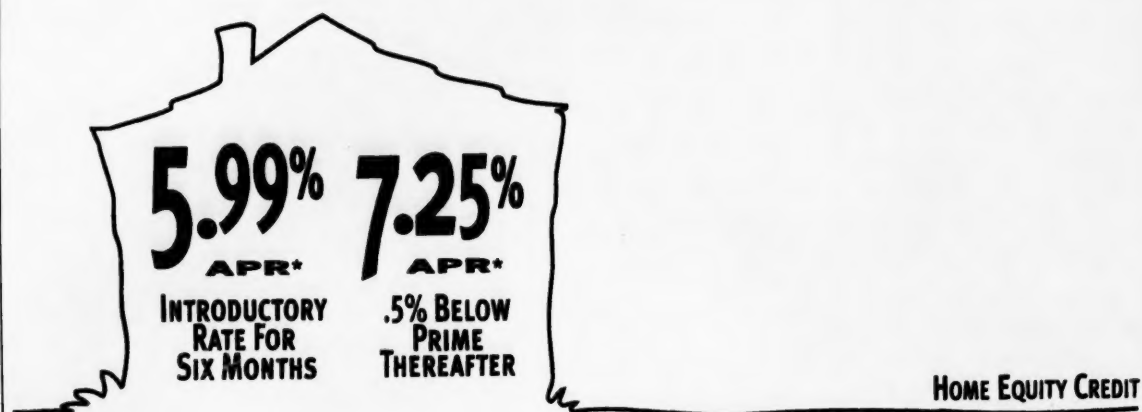
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existing home is basically the foundation and frame of the house. A gourmet kitchen will be added, complete with state of the art appliances, including a six-burner stove and sub zero refrigerator and granite countertop. Project Manager Jay Clementi said, "A lot of glass will be used and we will increase the size of the home wherever we can. Everything will be new and only the frame and foundation will remain the same."

An oversized four-foot by four-foot shower will be installed for the owners. There will also be a "pet room" for the owner's pets. This room will house a shower for the dogs, done in tile and measuring four-foot by eight-foot, with textured tile with a non-skid surface. Low voltage programmable lighting will be installed along with a cable line that will tie the cable, telephone and computer into the whole house.

Another popular trend is clear story additions. This home will be 16 feet to the peak of the ceiling once the clear story addition is built. This involves raising the roof and installing the windows, which will allow the light to come through.

"We are also trying to accomplish bringing the outside into the home," said Mr. Clementi. "We accomplish this by terraces, landscapes, and patios. People are looking for a place to come home to relax and enjoy."

Coping with the mess

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worked on, ask the contractor to install a plastic wall with a zipper door.

Heavy-duty sheeting can be used over carpeting and wood floors. There is even a paint product that protects a tub while the tile is going up around it.

When the job is done, the painted protection can be peeled off like rubber.

• Anticipate dislocation for about two weeks for a bathroom and up to a month for a kitchen.

"Go on vacation or try to stay at a relative's house for the critical period," Dervin suggests.

There is no single "best" time of the year to remodel.

"In winter, business is slower, and we can put more workers on your job, but the weather can slow us down," Dervin said. "Summer when the weather is good is the busiest time of the year, so projects take longer."

• Take those contractor estimates on the time required to complete the project with a grain of salt.

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If you plan to purchase a **WASHER, DRYER, DISHWASHER, REFRIGERATOR, RANGE, BUILT-IN WALL OVEN OR COOKTOP** during the next six months, you owe it to yourself to buy during our **PRIDE OF AMERICA SALE**. We guarantee our prices will never be lower.

There will be no hidden charges. We offer:

- **FREE DELIVERY**
- **FREE INSTALLATION** (except built-ins)
- **FREE REMOVAL OF OLD APPLIANCE**

Please shop and compare before coming to our sale so you will recognize these great bargains. You must present this letter to get these prices. There will be no prizes or gimmicks. All you do is save **MONEY**. We offer **90 days same as cash** or easy monthly payments. **MASTERCARD, VISA** and **DISCOVER** are welcome.

See you on July 21st, 22nd, 23rd or 24th, and good shopping!

Sincerely,

The Douglass Family

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